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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 7:12 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey
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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 18:56:40

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

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Yes, he was all for repealing and he was/is AOIC's lobbyist. There have been some things going on - side agreements with exclusions for imaging centers...I'm not exactly sure. Larry was telling me about it. And, I've requested more info to make sure I'm speaking correctly. I do know that Larry Stinson is working his butt off on this. I receive numerous emails daily that he copies me on that he is sending Anna and legislators. And he is working on folks to testify. Also, I've kept in touch a bit w/Jim Fruge (sp?), the guy that I met who is w/Newt Gingrich's group at RGA and I emailed him this week on their position. They are totally for CON repeal and he had some great commentary. He told me that he'd be available to talk with me on Monday. Since I had the contact already established, I wanted to feel him out first before I directed him to Anna Kim. Sometimes I'm leery on where people stand on this and how motivated they are. But, boy wouldn't that be great testimony.

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We do need a come-to-Jesus mtg with them and once and for all I'd hope they'd tell me what their problem is, specifically, so I'd know how to better answer lawmakers and supporters who scratch their heads wondering if it's true CP is doing the outreach and I'm refusing their attempts to tell me "the Plan". Thanks

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From: "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 18:32:04

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: CP meeting

Governor, both Pat Galvin and I will be at Sunday's meeting. I wouldn't miss it. Thanks for moving the meeting to Anchorage.

Marty

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From: Craig L. Fleener <chizhur@hotmail.com>
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Fri Feb 08 15:39:11 2008
Subject: RE: Press Release: Governor Palin Makes Board of Game Appointment

Thanks Frank.

Please tell Governor Palin I said thanks as well.

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Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 15:20:20 -0900

From: frank.bailey@alaska.gov

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To: chizhur@hotmail.com

Its official Craig!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
No: 08-019

Governor Palin Makes Board of Game Appointment

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Fleener is a lifelong Alaskan from Fort Yukon. He has worked as an environmental manager, project coordinator, wildlife biologist, natural resources director and Executive Director of the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments. Fleener served in the military for more than 21 years and is currently an Intelligence Officer in the Alaska Air National Guard, stationed at Eielson Air Force Base.

Fleener has served on numerous boards and committees including Gwich'in Council International, Alaska Native Health Board and Eastern Interior Subsistence Federal Regional Advisory Committee. He served as deputy Mayor in Fort Yukon. Fleener holds a bachelor of science degree in natural resource management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has a wife and four children.

Governor Palin appointed Fleener after Teresa Sager-Albaugh, of the Mentasta Pass area, withdrew her name from consideration.

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Web mail from: Mike bogges
address: 6018 44th pl ne Marysville WA 98270

MESSAGE:

Governor,

As a citizen interested in having a trusted strong leader in Washington D.C., I ask that you to except the offer as the republican Vice Presidential candidate when it is offered in the coming months.

The leadership you have shown in Alaska is badly needed in Washington D.C.

Thanks

Mike Bogges

mikeb2095@comcast.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 3:24 PM
To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Cc: Castle; Lillian K (GOV)
Subject: FW: Budget

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 3:13 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Patty Wisel
address: 1401 E. 10th Ave. #1 Anchorage AK 99501
248-9774

MESSAGE:

2/8/08

Dear Governor Palin:

I am a parent of a Head Start student at Kids' Corps, Inc. in Anchorage and I wanted to sincerely thank you for your kind hospitality on 2/4/08 while we were in Juneau. We truly loved visiting the Governors Mansion and meeting with you and your staff. It was fun to see Piper with you and realize how much our children love to be near us.

I am also writing to express my opinion regarding funding for Head Start programs in Alaska. I understand that you are working on the budget right now and ask you to consider this data:

- 1) Since 2004, Head Start classrooms in 19 Alaska communities have closed.
- 2) Research demonstrates that Head Start prepares children for kindergarten and sets the stage for a lifetime of educational achievement, improved health, increased family support and decreased criminal activity, all of which cuts the states budget in the long run.
- 3) Head Start will serve over 3500 Alaskan children in 2008.
- 4) Even with the large number served, two-thirds of Alaska's children, living at or below the federal poverty level, are not being served by Head Start.

5) State funding for Head Start is not even keeping up with inflation. That means, we, as the mighty and proud state of Alaska, are not supporting the most valuable and precious part of who we are - our children and families.

The Head Start budget for the state of Alaska has stayed the same or decreased since 2004, while the cost of providing services, maintaining facilities, compensating and training staff has increased. We must allocate funds so our programs can grow and we can continue to serve those Alaskans who need us most.

I am asking you to make sure the budget for Head Start FY2009 is not a continuation of the previous five years. We have given Resolution #2008-01 to Representative Les Gara and we ask for your approval of this resolution. We thank you for your time, but most importantly we thank you in advance for your support of our children and families.

Respectfully,

Patty Wisel

1401 E. 10th Ave., #1

Anchorage, AK 99501

(907) 248-9774

pwisel@gci.net

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From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TEIRWIN]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 3:02 PM
To: 'govpalin@alaska.gov'; Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR)
Subject: Re: Energy

Privileged is not out of the picture. Pat, Emil, Mike, Larry, Joe, and I are meeting on this issue at 3:00. In just a few minutes. Privileged or Personal Mater There are others with much more state wide energy knowledge. Goal: get a clear immediate path to an Energy Coordinator. Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR)
Sent: Fri Feb 08 14:54:00 2008
Subject: Energy

If Privileged out as Energy Coordinator bc of conflict - are there are other names to be considered? Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:34 PM
To: Yocom; Lauren J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Release: Governor Palin Makes Board of Game Appointment

Thank you.

----- Original Message -----

From: Yocom, Lauren J (GOV) <lauren.yocom@alaska.gov>
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Cc: Yocom, Lauren J (GOV)
Sent: Fri Feb 08 14:29:37 2008
Subject: Press Release: Governor Palin Makes Board of Game Appointment

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
08-019

No:

Governor Palin Makes Board of Game Appointment

February 8, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced that she has appointed Craig Fleener to serve on the Board of Game.

Fleener is a lifelong Alaskan from Fort Yukon. He has worked as an environmental manager, project coordinator, wildlife biologist, natural resources director and Executive Director of the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments. Fleener served in the military for more than 21 years and is currently an Intelligence Officer in the Alaska Air National Guard, stationed at Eielson Air Force Base.

Fleener has served on numerous boards and committees including Gwich'in Council International, Alaska Native Health Board and Eastern Interior Subsistence Federal Regional Advisory Committee. He served as deputy Mayor in Fort Yukon. Fleener holds a bachelor of science degree in natural resource management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has a wife and four children.

Governor Palin appointed Fleener after Teresa Sager-Albaugh, of the Mentasta Pass area, withdrew her name from consideration.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:13 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: March 22

Pls sched for Gov's prayer brkfast- if that is correct day

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:00 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: MatMaid

Thanks. If that good news can go out sooner rather than later - it would be good

-----Original Message-----

From: K Perry
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: K Perry
To: Sharon Leighow
To: Beth Leschper
Sent: Feb 8, 2008 1:46 PM
Subject: RE: MatMaid

We have a conf call Monday to review a long list of items, this one included because I think we're up to \$75k now. But, I'll follow-up w/Tom & Kristan before that to determine some sort of acknowledgement of our efforts.

-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>; "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>
Sent: 2/8/2008 1:40 PM
Subject: MatMaid

Did it get publicized that miners gave \$ to farmers? Tom says they're staying out of the publicity- but I've not seen it acknowledged publicly yet.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 1:43 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Student Endorsement

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 13:40:50

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Student Endorsement

Let me touch base with some folks in the Valley. Governor, maybe Scott Richter knows him or the dad? I could give him a call.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 1:02 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: Re: Student Endorsement

Don't know him but if anyone else does- like ivy or other valley folks, then we can put my name on his letter.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 12:53:53

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Student Endorsement

We received a request for you to do a letter of support (endorsement) for a Jonathan Stinson, Big Lake, AK. He has been nominated to represent Alaska at the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC.

It looks like his dad may be the President of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce.

I just wanted to check to see if you knew this person before declining. Thanks, Janice

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 1:40 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: MatMaid

Did it get publicized that miners gave \$ to farmers? Tom says they're staying out of the publicity- but I've not seen it acknowledged publicly yet.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 1:31 PM
To: Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)
Cc: Rowland; Mindy B (GOV)
Subject: Re: Craig Fleener has been notified and accepted

Presser can go out at same time.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 13:11:22

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)" <denby.lloyd@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)" <mindy.rowland@alaska.gov>

Subject: Craig Fleener has been notified and accepted

Told him our plan's to have the press release out around 2pm.

I'll update the official letter to the House Leaders.

Frank Bailey

Director, Boards and Commissions

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

907.465.3934 - Juneau

907.269.7450 - Anchorage

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From: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT) [leo.vonscheben@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 5:03 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Richards; Frank T (DOT)
Subject: RE: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben
 Governor,

We currently have \$33.0 Million of funding available that we are using right now to install signals, purchase ROW, surveying and design for upgrading the Palmer/Wasilla Hwy. We are phasing our work on the PW Highway and using GF appropriations to save ourselves from a significant EIS and onerous federal oversight if we were to use Federal Highway funds. The next work items include:

- 1) PW Highway/Trunk Road Intersection \$10.0 Million – this will allow us to expand to 4 lanes the PW Highway approximately ½ mile in each direction from this intersection including turn lanes. The Trunk Road, Phase 1 project does not include this intersection work.
- 2) Evergreen-Dogwood Couplet \$18.7 Million – this will make the East end of the PW Highway a couplet to improve flow and address the numerous accidents that occur on this stretch of road. This project is already under design and will be ready for construction in FY10.

A very critical need is an additional \$5.0 Million to fully fund Phase 1 of Trunk Road improvements. You authorized \$15.0 Million of GF in the FY09 capital budget, but we still need the \$5.0 to fully fund the project. We will be ready to advertise this project in July 2008. I highly recommend that we include Trunk Road as a budget amendment so we can advertise this needed project once the budget is signed.

In summary, we will submit budget amendments for the following projects (In priority basis):

Trunk Road –Phase 1	\$5.0 million
PW Highway Intersection at Trunk Road	\$10.0 Million
PW Highway – Couplet Construction	\$18.7 million

LEO

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:00 AM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Cc: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben

I just need specifically the palmer-wasilla hwy funding answers, hopefully he can get me that for the mayors and assembly and both city councils. Thanks
 Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

10/29/2009

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 08:58:13

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben called and asked me to let you know he is working on getting you the information about funding and roads in the Mat-Su. I believe he will be sending it to Karen Rehfeld and the Chief-of-Staff as well.

Randy

10/29/2009

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 7:52 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Make Your Air and Hotel Plans Today to attend Legislative Fly-In

From: Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 6:58 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Make Your Air and Hotel Plans Today to attend Legislative Fly-In

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

February 8, 2008 E-News

Book Your Plans to Attend Legislative Fly-In to Juneau Today!

Register on line in minutes by clicking [here](#) and let us know that you are planning to attend the State Chamber Legislative Fly-In in Juneau on March 3-5th! **To influence public policy effectively you want your elected officials to know you as a human being, not just an issue advocate.** Every person who attends can make a difference for Alaska's business community.

First attend our **Legislative Advocacy Training** with Mike Walsh, Ph.D., Director of Interior Services for The Foraker Group on Monday, March 3rd. Our **Legislative Forums, Visits with Key Legislators and Legislative Reception** begin Tuesday, March 4th and run until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th. For additional information [Click Here](#) or call the Anchorage Development Office at (907) 278-2727.

We urge you to be safe and make your air travel and hotel reservations today! This timeframe is expected to sell out in Juneau. Take advantage of the group rate at the Westmark Baranof Hotel and the Constituent Discount with Alaska Airlines.

The Westmark Baranof Hotel is offering a discounted rate of \$119 per room, per night. This room block and rate is only valid through **February 16, 2008**. These dates are predicted to be sold out dates in Juneau. Please call 1-800-544-0970 today and make your hotel reservations under the group name: ALST021108.

Alaska Airlines has extended a special "Alaska State Constituent Fare" available to all Alaska residents. This fare is only accessible online and requires passengers to have a 'MyAlaskaAir' account in order to receive the discount. You will need to log into your 'MyAlaskaAir' to obtain your discount e-certificate code. Discounts are valid directionally to Juneau from select in-state cities. Terms and conditions apply. For more information or to purchase your Constituent fare please visit [alaskaair.com](#). If you need assistance creating or accessing your 'MyAlaskaAir' account, please contact the Alaska Airlines Customer Care center at 1-800-654-5669.

Carlile Announces New President

10/29/2009

Long time State Chamber member and supporter Linda Leary has been elected by the board of directors of Carlile Transportation Systems to serve as company president, effective March 1.

Co-founder and current president Harry McDonald will continue to serve as chief executive officer. Leary joined Carlile in 1985 and has most recently served as vice president of sales and marketing in the company's Tacoma, Wash., office. She and her family will relocate to corporate headquarters in Anchorage. Leary earned a master's degree in global supply chain management from the University of Alaska and an undergraduate degree from the University of Maine. Leary actively participates in many community programs and organizations including various local chambers of commerce, industry associations, the Port of Tacoma and a variety of nonprofit groups. She represents Carlile in the Susan G. Koman's Breast Cancer annual three-day walk for breast cancer research. Carlile Transportation Systems, based in Anchorage, has 635 employees, including 110 at the Tacoma location. Carlile is in the midst of launching new service between the West Coast and Honolulu.

UAA's Alaska Performance Excellence Program **New Program Helps Alaska Organizations Improve Performance**

At first glance, it may seem like the new Alaska Performance Excellence Program (APEX) is about Alaska businesses and organizations applying and competing for an award. However, the program is about much more than winning awards - it's about helping Alaska organizations identify their strengths and opportunities for improvement.

"Most organizations are interested in competing and winning, and competition can help accelerate change. But *it's not all about winning an award. It's about receiving feedback, improving performance and hearing about other organizations' best practices*," says Ben Park, CEO of APEX, which is part of UAA's Alaska Small Business Development Center and is funded with charitable contributions from BP and ConocoPhillips through the UA Foundation.

APEX is a state award program tailored after the Baldrige National Quality Program (BNQP), which has been sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce since 1988. Every year, BNQP awards the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which is the highest level of national recognition a U.S. organization can achieve for performance excellence. Applicants are evaluated on seven areas, including leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus, process management and results.

After creation of the national program, it soon became clear there was a need to help organizations grow and mature, since only 5 percent of the organizations that compete for Baldrige win it. Nearly all 50 states implemented a Baldrige-type state award program. With the creation of APEX in May 2006, Alaska will now be one of those states.

While the national award application process is intensive, requiring organizations to complete a 50-page application and undergo a multi-day site visit, the APEX program will offer three participation levels for Alaska organizations to choose from. A pilot program was launched this summer, and the full program will be offered in 2008.

The first level is the self-assessment level. Organizations will complete a self-assessment survey and attend a one-day workshop to review the results of their survey, learn about the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, and create an organizational profile.

The next level is called the achievement award level. At this level, organizations will complete a 25-page application and a five-page organizational profile. A team of three to five state examiners will review the application, provide a feedback report outlining strengths and opportunities, and complete an optional site visit.

The third level, called the excellence award level, most closely mirrors the national Baldrige program. Organizations complete a 50-page application and a five-page organizational profile. A team of six to eight state examiners will review the application, provide a feedback report and complete an optional site visit.

Regardless of what level an organization participates in, they will be invited to an annual recognition ceremony, where participants will be recognized, state-level awards will be presented, and the organizations can share their

processes.

"It's powerful because everybody can learn from everybody else," says Park, who worked for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing for 30 years and was a Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner in 2005 and 2006.

There are other tangible benefits from participating in programs like APEX. For example, a 1999 survey found organizations that won their state award outperformed other similar organizations with 58 percent faster growth in stock price appreciation, 116 percent faster sales growth, and 114 percent faster total assets growth.

Participating organizations can be from any sector, including health care, education, not-for-profit and business, including manufacturing, services and small business.

"Any organization can benefit from this program, from big oil companies to espresso stands and car dealerships," says Park, who added that the Chugach School District won the national Baldrige award in 2001.

For more information, contact Ben Park at 907-748-7919 or anbsp@uaa.alaska.edu or visit www.akapex.com.

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10/29/2009

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 12:23 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Pebble Litigation

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Sean

----- Original Message -----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: Pullins, Jay D (GOV)
Sent: Fri Feb 08 12:13:45 2008
Subject: Re: Pebble Litigation

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Sean

----- Original Message -----

From: Pullins, Jay D (GOV)
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Hooley, Jason M (GOV); Showalter, Kristine D (GOV)
Sent: Fri Feb 08 11:49:11 2008
Subject: FW: Pebble Litigation

Sean,

You better take a look at this. Document is attached. I'm pasting in the text below:

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STIPULATION

Plaintiffs argue that the Clean Water Initiative (Ballot Initiative 07WATR) would eliminate large-scale mining.

The Sponsors of the Clean Water Initiative do not believe that the initiative would eliminate large-scale mining, nor do they intend it to have that effect.

To eliminate concerns that have been raised with respect to subsection 2(c) of the initiative, the parties stipulate that subsection 2(c) of the initiative shall be severed and removed from Ballot Initiative 07WATR.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:13 PM
To: Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Pullins, Jay D (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Pebble Litigation

Fyi, below.

----- Original Message -----

From: Jeff Feldman <feldman@frozenlaw.com>
To: Tom Amodio <tom@reevesamodio.com>; Jamie Linxwiler <jlinxwiler@guessrudd.com>; Howard Trickey <htrickey@jldolaw.com>; Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
Cc: Susan Orlansky <orlansky@frozenlaw.com>; Timothy McKeever <tmckeever@hwb-law.com>; Scott Kendall <SMKendall@hwb-law.com>
Sent: Thu Feb 07 17:20:31 2008
Subject: Pebble Litigation

Counsel--

I spoke with Howard Trickey today and advised that the initiative sponsors would be willing to stipulate that subsection 2(c) be severed and deleted from Ballot Initiative 07WATR. A stipulation to that effect is attached to this email. Please advise if your clients would be willing to enter into this stipulation.

This proposal is offered pursuant to and is governed by Evidence Rule 408.

Thanks.

Jeff

Jeff Feldman

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 11:54 AM
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Op Ed

Pls chk back with the contacts, and we can at least get it published local if national doesn't accept.

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth Leschper
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: M Nizich
Cc: Denby Lloyd
Cc: Mike Tibbles
Cc: Sharon Leighow
Sent: Feb 8, 2008 11:34 AM
Subject: RE: Op Ed

Governor:

The publications that we are interested in want an exclusive, and we are pitching it now.

We sent it to Roll Call at the beginning of the week and they declined to publish.

We then sent to Washington Post and the editors are considering it, but we don't have a definite yet.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 11:21 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W
(GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Subject: Op Ed

Did our predator control op ed go out yet?
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 11:38 AM
To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)
Cc: Castle, Lillian K (GOV)
Subject: FW: Education

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 11:37 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Education

Web mail from: Bonnie Paskvan
address: 1509 P Street Anchorage AK 99501
907-351-3005

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you for talking to me at the Senate Minority Fundraiser at the Captain Cook Hotel about funding for public schools. I appreciate that you have included in next year's budget:

- forward funding for School Districts. The current system is inefficient and has many negative consequences, including the loss of competent staffing and wasted planning efforts on an annual basis.

- money for more technology in our schools. In particular, Turnagain Elementary has only 20 functional computers for its 403 students currently enrolled, which our PTA organization bought in May, 2007. We don't want our children to be left behind.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Paskvan, Esq.

1509 P Street

Anchorage, AK 99503

907.868.6857 direct dial

907.351.3005 cell

bpaskvan@gci.com

bpaskvan@gci.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:54 AM
To: library@ci.nome.ak.us
Subject: RE: General_Administration

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 11:08 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Mr. Dale Brandt
address: 211 West E Street Nome AK 99762
443-6627

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin

I think you are doing a great job as governor. You make good decisions, are making us all proud of being Alaskans, and are cleaning up some of the political scandals of previous administrations.

Great job!

Thank you,

Dale Brandt, Nome librarian

library@ci.nome.ak.us

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:44 AM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Re:

Aint AK travel fun!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 10:41:30

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject:

Dear Governor Palin,

I will be in Juneau all day today if you need me. My flight to Sitka was delayed until the afternoon due to a missing part, so there was no point in me going to Sitka.
Talis

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:27 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Track

Yes on canceling - can they understand that soldiers are just never usually singled out and highlighted? Track can't understand the interest. And he fears his superiors don't like this kind of stuff. And track's just a shy kid who really does not like this stuff. It's about family privacy too. And maybe Track has a point about Army's confidentiality with a soldier's orders.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 10:17:04

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Track

Shall I cancel the noon interview?

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:15 AM

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: Track

I jsut talked to track- he said this may tick off his leaders so really dreads it and asks that I not- says he will be treated differently if anyone makes a deal out of it and does not want any special treatment. I can't blame him

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 18:55:18

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Track

I'll talk to them since I just got another comment re: questioning my support of him being in military (ie. perception that I haven't wanted to talk about it bc I may not be supportive? Geeez). I'll talk to them, put it to rest and show support for all military!

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Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 09:50:35

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Track

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(907) 240-7943 cell

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:22 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Track

Amen

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 10:20:20

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Track

Okay - I will let Sharon know that something else has come up and you will not be available for the interview. I think this is a wise choice especially for Track.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:17 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Track

He doesn't want me to do it- so I should not.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 19:14:36

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Track

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:21 AM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Track

Track told me: "I'm the army's now, so it could be illegal if you talk about my orders."
;) He's trying anything to keep me from shining any spotlight on him - I just can't blame him either.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 10:02 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Track

I'm free- noon on- to do ktuu

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:59 AM
To: scottu21072@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:31 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Scott Ungerecht
address: 1904 H Avenue, Apartment D-2 La Grande OR 97850
541-963-8161

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Greetings from La Grand, Oregon. How are you? I hope your son, Track, is doing good while continuing to proudly serve his nation as an enlisted soldier in the United States Army.

As a former long-time Alaska resident, and as a positive supporter of the Palin administration, I am writing this letter to wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous 44th birthday on Monday, February 11th.

Like yourself, I will also be celebrating a birthday as well, which is my 36th birthday, on Sunday, February 10th. I will be celebrating my birthday here in La Grande.

Although I was born in Anchorage, Alaska in 1972, I consider Homer, Alaska as my hometown because I spent 15 out of my 30 years in Alaska living in Homer.

Homer, Alaska is a very unique and special place to me for many good reasons. In Homer, I spent five years being an active volunteer with the Homer Chamber of Commerce. I also

first learned in Homer how to greatly appreciate the arts and how to always help people whom are in need throughout the rest of my adult life.

I relocated from Alaska to Baker City, Oregon in 2002 and I have never forgotten Alaska or the people who live in your fantastic state. The reason I chose to relocate from Alaska to Baker City in 2002 is because I wanted to live closer to my parents, who are my closest living relatives.

Even though I live over 2,000 air miles from Alaska, there are days when I really miss living in Alaska. I miss the natural outdoor scenic beauty of the mountains and frozen landscapes. I miss the wonderful and caring Alaskans I remember from my past. I also miss getting a PDF check in my mailbox every year as an Alaskan resident, too.

There are many things that I truly miss about my home state of Alaska. Because my 36th birthday is only a few days away, I have decided to write the following poem for myself entitled "Why I Love Alaska". I wrote this poem to remind me of why Alaska is so very important to me and I thought that I would share it today.

Why I Love Alaska

By: Scott Alan Ungerecht

La Grande, Oregon

I love Alaska for its official colors of gold and blue,
Flying high above the Last Frontier in a proud state flag.

I love Alaska for its sub-freezing winters,
Which can often make you yearn for nicer tropical weather.

I love Alaska for its warm summer days,
Where lemonade is more pleasant then a winter parka.

I love Alaska for its traditional dog mushing sport,
Where dogs and Alaskans can run wild and truly be free.

I love Alaska for its beautiful mountains and vast tundra,
Where many people hike around yearly and have lots of fun.

I love Alaska for its beautiful wolves and famous elephants,

Where Maggie can fly, Annabel can paint and wolves can always be on the prowl.

I love Alaska for its rich culture of Alaska native traditions,

Where "the blanket toss" is more famous then Maria Downey or John Tracy of KTUU Channel 2 News.

I love Alaska for its wonderfully warm and caring citizens,

Where women can win the Iditarod and become a state governor.

I love Alaska for its news media and unique state leadership,

Where the voice of Alaska is strong and the news is never dull.

I love Alaska because I grew up watching Congressman Don Young and Senator Ted Stevens serve in Alaska's state delegation,

Where few others can serve longer while caring more about their fellow Alaskans.

I love Alaska for many things, too numerous to mention here,

But I love Alaska best of all because I was born in Anchorage, and always inside my heart, will Alaska be considered my one true home.

Governor Palin, I hope you enjoyed reading my poem and, again, I hope you have a very happy 44th birthday on Monday, February 11th. I hope you have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

Scott A. Ungerecht

1904 H Avenue

Apartment D-2

La Grande, Oregon 97850

Phone: 541-963-8161

Email: scottu21072@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:57 AM
To: sigel@clearwire.net
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:48 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Franz Shroy
address: 2201 Sentry Drive #12 Anchorage AK 99507
907-276-4110

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin.

I am so amazingly proud of you that I could burst! You have restored my faith in elected officials in that now, I actually believe (again) that it IS possible to elect honest, intelligent, and caring people to political office that truly have the good-of-the-people at heart.

Beyond that, a couple of weeks ago I almost fell over when I saw you on TV sharing your faith! I instantly remembered a Twila Paris song - "The warrior is a child." I sometimes forget to look past your smile to see the warrior behind the pretty face. I appreciate your gutsy personality beyond my ability to describe.

Please be encouraged by knowing that my family and I will be praying for you daily, and we are behind you 110%!

Thank you SO much for your service to Alaska, and for your steadfastness! I LOVE it!

Franz Sigel Shroy

sigel@clearwire.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:57 AM
To: muhrune@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:59 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Ellen Mannion
address: P.O. Box 70128 Fairbank AK 99707

MESSAGE:

Thank you Governor Palin,

For honestly working toward cleaning up our legislature. And for keeping focused on doing what you see as best for Alaska. As an Independent who most often votes for Democratic Party candidates, I am happily surprised by your attitude and find you a breath of fresh air when looking at our political process. I can't say that I agree with all of your actions, but the motivation behind them is quite clear. You are reshaping Alaska into a place that our children and grandchildren will be proud of.

Thank you again. Ellen Mannion

muhrune@hotmail.com

Unknown

From: Larry Stinson [larrystinson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 12:38 PM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV); jeannine hinman; John Harris; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Green; Lyda N (LAA); mike hawker; Paul Richards; Reo_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us; Rep_Jay_Ramras@legis.state.ak.us; Rep_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us; Lynn; Bob (LAA); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Davis; Bettye J (LAA); Bunde; Con (LAA); Olson; Donny (LAA); Dyson; Fred (LAA); Wilken; Gary R (LAA); Therriault; Gene (LAA); French; Hollis (LAA); Thomas; Joe (LAA); Wes Cleveland
Subject: FW: Reasons Hospitals Close

Additional Information concerning no relationship between CON repeal and hospital closures

Subject: FW: Re: Reasons Hospitals Close
Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 15:29:37 -0600
From: aroseboro@healthcapital.com
To: larrystinson@hotmail.com
CC: RCIMASI@healthcapital.com; asharamitaro@healthcapital.com

Larry Stinson, M.D.

Re: Reasons Hospitals Close

Dr. Stinson:

Attached you will find a list of "Hospitals In Oklahoma That Have Closed Since 1986." You will also find several articles that discuss the reasons that Hospitals Close. I will be forwarding more articles to you shortly.

Should you have any questions please contact me, as below.

Thank You,
Ashley

Ashley D. Roseboro
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9666 Olive Blvd - Suite 375
St. Louis, MO 63132-3025
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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:47 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 7:46 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Reginald Swedberg
address: 2501 Mission rd. North Pole AK 99705

MESSAGE:

Since you are probably going to be in Fairbanks next Saturday for the finish of the Iron Dog, What about stopping by KJNP Radio in North Pole at 8:00 am for the Coffee Cup program? You were on it during your election campaign once.

Also if you do stop by, I would like to have my daughters meet you after the program for a few minutes.

I work at the station and could have them stop by after 9:00 if I knew beforehand.

Redgy

redgy@mosquitonet.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:23 AM
To: jcopella@cfl.rr.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 7:29 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. John Copella
address: 634 Woodward St Orlando FL 32803
407-895-6503

MESSAGE:

I don't have much to say really. I just learned about Madame Governor via a weblog that mentioned her name as a possible VP choice for the GOP in 2008. After reading about her career & bio, I can only say, faster, please.

Keep up the good work Mme. Governor. I hope that if you have the interest, and the people of Alaska can part with you, that we see you on the national stage very soon. You are a bona fide "rock star" in waiting for the GOP.

All my best,
John Copella
Orlando, FL

jcopella@cfl.rr.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:08 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Resume & additional info

Pls have his presser ready to go for today

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 08:58:31

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: Resume & additional info

More positive.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

To: Notti, Emil R (CED)

Sent: Fri Feb 08 08:57:58 2008

Subject: Re: Resume & additional info

Thanks Emil,

Anything you hear throughout the day would be helpful.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Notti, Emil R (CED)

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Sent: Fri Feb 08 08:52:23 2008

Subject: RE: Resume & additional info

Frank;

Impressive resume. I had an email from one person who worked with him and recommends him highly. I have a call in to another person from his home town. When I hear back I will send more.

Emil

From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:55 AM
To: Notti, Emil R (CED)
Subject: FW: Resume & additional info

Emil,

Would you mind taking a look at Craig Fleener's resume? He's one of the top candidates to fill the now vacant BOG seat. Feel free to call if you like. Privileged

Thanks much.

Frank

From: Craig L. Fleener [mailto:chizhur@hotmail.com <mailto:chizhur@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 2:57 PM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: Resume & additional info

Frank,

I have attached a cover letter and my long-form resume.

Thanks,

~ Craig ~ <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot.jpg <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot.jpg> > <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot-1.jpg <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot-1.jpg> > <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot-2.jpg <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot-2.jpg> > <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot-3.jpg <file:///C:/DOCUME~1/cfleener/LOCALS-1/Temp/moz-screenshot-3.jpg> >

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 8:58 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Frank Bailey; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: BOG

Importance: High

Fleener (Feener?) Sounds good to go - sounds like Frank vetted his name with many. Mike - after our discussion yest did you notify other leggies besides the one Frank did?

If not, don't want them to be surprised by presser today announcing him, but don't want push back from any who'd place any race card either.

Sharon - his name is ready to be released, it should be an easy presser with attachment of this seven-page resume (which is very impressive) and a couple of quotes from Frank. Releasing it today gets that off my plate. Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 8:58 AM
To: Ivy personal; Todd; Kris Perry; Frank Bailey; Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Bob Morigeau

Janice- pls ask hannah or michelle or someone to do sympathy card. Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ivy Frye <ivyfrye@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 08:11:43

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>, Kris Perry <krisandclark@yahoo.com>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Subject: Bob Morigeau

Heard from Bob last night. His oldest son, Jason, passed away on Monday and the funeral is today. Thought I would pass on to you guys, if you hadn't already heard, since he was such a good supporter there with Local 302 before he retired last year. Address below incase you need it.

Bob and Donna Morigeau

PO Box 2135

Palmer, AK 99645

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 8:53 AM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: For your approval

Sounds great thanks

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 08:39:18

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: For your approval

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No: 08-OXX

State Of Alaska Joins Texas Amicus Brief

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Subject: Re: 2nd amendment

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 07:54:05
To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: 2nd amendment

Dear Governor Palin, I will be visiting my Sitka office to meet my staff there for the first time today. So I am not sure if I will remain in blackberry range. I will be back in Juneau tomorrow evening. Talis

-----Original Message-----

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To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: 2nd amendment

Awesome. Thanks

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 16:50:38

To: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: 2nd amendment

Dear Ms. Leighow,

The State of Texas has indicated it is fine we issue a limited press release regarding the 2nd Amendment Amicus. In light of that we suggest the following based on your earlier proposed statement:

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Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 8:52 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 10:25 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Karen Biggs
address: 4340 Seeley Circle Anchorage AK 99502

MESSAGE:

Hello, Governor Palin!

I just wanted to say that I appreciate you standing tough with the big oil companies. It is refreshing and encouraging to see a public official such as yourself not bowing to the big corporations. Thank you for standing strong for political/professional ethics!

As well, thank you for handling the "Hottest Governor in the US" publicity with professional grace. Your professional people-savvy demeanor is a great example to others of dignity and self-respect. Thank you for being a good role model for girls/women.

I also support your stance in wanting to manage the surplus oil revenues wisely for the future. I am all for money management decisions that will bless future generations of Alaskans -- we are blessed today, but we should be good stewards of these funds for our children. Please push to invest/save as much as possible for future years.

Thank you for all your hard work!!!

Karen Biggs,
Anchorage, AK

karen_biggs@hotmail.com

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Sharon can u get that presser out that law crafted yesterday.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 07:54:05

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: 2nd amendment

Dear Governor Palin, I will be visiting my Sitka office to meet my staff there for the first time today. So I am not sure if I will remain in blackberry range. I will be back in Juneau tomorrow evening. Talis

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:06 PM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: 2nd amendment

Awesome. Thanks

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 16:50:38

To: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: 2nd amendment

Dear Ms. Leighow,

The State of Texas has indicated it is fine we issue a limited press release regarding the 2nd Amendment Amicus. In light of that we suggest the following based on your earlier proposed statement:

STATE OF ALASKA SIGNS TEXAS AMICUS BRIEF

Governor Sarah Palin announced the State of Alaska will be joining the multi-state amicus brief authored by the State of Texas in support of the Second Amendment right of individual Americans to bear arms. On Tuesday, February 5, 2008 Alaska Attorney General Talis Colberg notified the Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott that Alaska would be joining the Texas multi-state brief. The Texas amicus brief in Washington DC v. Heller will be filed by February 11, 2008.

Governor Palin, a lifelong NRA member, has long been a champion of the constitutional right to bear arms as well as a proponent of gun safety programs for Alaska's youth.

"I am proud to join the State of Texas in support of the Second Amendment," said Governor Palin. "We need to send a strong message that law-abiding citizens have a right to own firearms, for their own personal protection or hunting or any other lawful purpose".

That should be fine. Talis

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:48 AM
To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

From: NeighborWorks Grants Announcement [mailto:NWGrantsAnnouncement@nw.org]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 6:53 AM
Subject: Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., a member of the national NeighborWorks® network, is receiving \$245,000 in flexible first round grant funds from NeighborWorks® America – providing a much-needed boost in support of their affordable housing and community development activities. Overall, NeighborWorks® organizations in Alaska will receive \$445,000 in NeighborWorks® America grants this year. Working together, NeighborWorks® America and NeighborWorks® organizations throughout Alaska will be responsible for leveraging \$16.4 million reinvested in the community to create more economic development and affordable housing opportunities for Alaska citizens.

In FY 2008, NeighborWorks® America (also known as the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation) will provide more than \$76 million in grants to its national network of more than 230 community-based nonprofit organizations to create homeownership for lower-income families, produce and manage affordable, high-quality rental properties, stem the tide of foreclosures that threaten neighborhoods and local economies, and revitalize and strengthen communities. Additionally, NeighborWorks® America will provide more than \$167 million in National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program grants to HUD-approved housing counseling intermediaries and state housing finance agencies through a special appropriation of funds provided through the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

"For every one dollar of NeighborWorks® grants, we help leverage \$37 in investment for America's communities, resulting in a direct investment of nearly \$4 billion in distressed communities in fiscal year 2007, primarily from the private sector. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, NeighborWorks® ensures our investments are working in ways that truly make a difference," said NeighborWorks® America CEO Ken Wade. "We thank Congress and our other private, philanthropic and public funders who make our work to expand affordable housing opportunities, strengthen communities and stem foreclosures possible. Although no one organization or sector can resolve the foreclosure problem alone, NeighborWorks® America is making a significant contribution to this effort."

Established by Congress in 1978 as the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, NeighborWorks® America is the original community/public/private partnership model, with locally-driven, efficient community development and leverage of the public investment as its hallmarks. Over the past 30 years, NeighborWorks® America and the NeighborWorks® System have consistently replicated this successful model in over 4,450 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; in America's urban, suburban and rural communities.

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NeighborWorks® organizations receive grants and programmatic support from NeighborWorks® America, as well as training scholarships to the NeighborWorks® Training Institute.

Over the past five years the NeighborWorks® network has been able to:

- Invest nearly \$15 billion in America's urban, rural, and suburban communities;
- Provide homeownership counseling to more than 400,000 families;
- Assist more than 80,000 American families of modest means achieve their dream of home ownership;
- Develop, own and manage over 70,000 units of affordable, high quality multifamily housing;
- Rehabilitate more than 80,000 homes, using state-of-the-art methods, including green and healthy building techniques;
- Create the nation's largest force of certified homeownership education and foreclosure intervention counselors;
- Invest in rebuilding efforts in hurricane-affected communities across the Gulf Coast; and
- Mobilize hundreds of thousands of volunteers to revitalize communities.

For questions about NeighborWorks® America or these grants awards, please reply to this e-mail or call (202) 220-2443.

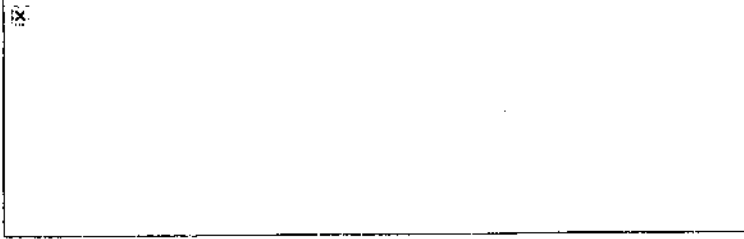
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) (governor@alaska.gov)
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 3:53 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Putting Alaska First - Jan-Feb 2008

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AGIA Town Hall Meetings Set for February

Governor Palin's Gasline Team will hold Town Hall information meetings around the state. Come learn what the state is doing to advance the project. These meetings are not part of the public comment period under AGIA and are not public hearings. There are multiple meetings on the same date in different locations.

All meetings will be 6-8 p.m., except Anchorage, which will be 7-9 p.m., and Barrow, which will be 2-6 p.m. For more information contact Allison Ivarsen at 907-257-1304.

Monday, February 18
 Palmer: The Palmer Depot

Tuesday, February 19
 Anchorage: UAA Lucy Cuddy Hall
 NOTE: Anchorage will be 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20
 Sitka: Harrigan Centennial Hall, Maksimoff Room
 Ketchikan: NWAB Assembly Chambers
 McGrath: Cap'n Snow Center Assembly Room

Thursday, February 21
 Ketchikan: Cape Fox Lodge Mounaki Room
 Nome: St. Joseph's Church
 Bethel: UAF - Kuskoquim Campus
 Yup'ik Poriyarak Cultural Center

Friday, February 22
 Juneau: Centennial Hall, Hickel Room

Monday, February 25
 Delta Junction: Community Center
 Kanai: Kanai Peninsula College

Tuesday, February 26
 Barrow: Inupiat Heritage Center
 NOTE: Barrow will be 2-6 p.m.
 Dillingham: Dillingham Middle School Gymnasium

Wednesday, February 27
 Fairbanks: Carlson Center
 Kodiak: High School Commons

Thursday, February 28
 Valdez: Valdez Convention and Civic Center, Ballroom 1

*'We have such great
 is great,*

Governor Sarah Palin delivered her joint session of the Alaska Legislature, addressing geographical differences. She called

In a call for self-sufficiency, she set earmarks, a theme echoed in Pre

The Governor also said that Alaska develop its natural resources for Alaskans and the entire United States

"An AGIA license gets the ball rolling and opens the door to innovative partnerships. We are reasonable partnerships that, at the end of the long-awaited gas line built," she said

The governor focused on delivering in K-12 education. She also made for Alaskans to take personal responsibility choices.



Director Doug Larsen

New Toll-free Number for Governor's Office Available to All Alaska Residents

A new toll-free number will allow Alaska residents to contact the Governor's Office from anywhere in the state. 1-877-423-5514. Toll-free service extends the reach of the Governor's Office to all Alaskans, especially those in rural areas, said Kris Perry, director of the Governor's Anchorage Office. There is no charge to users of the number. This is the latest effort to find more efficient ways to serve the citizens of Alaska.

Working with wildlife over the year experienced some of the very best aggregated lightly on ridges in the coastal streams, to moose jousting memorable career.

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Serving Alaska

About 2,000 Alaskans from more than 100 communities are serving on the 122 state boards and commissions, from the Alaska State Board of Public Accountability to the Yukon River Panel. With 10-15 board terms expiring every month, recruitment is ongoing. All Alaskans are encouraged to apply or make a recommendation.

CLICK for more information on all of the boards and commissions and the application process.

Denali Award Nominations Deadline

The nomination period for the second annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards, which recognize outstanding employees and teams for excellence in service to the state, will close Feb. 15. Outstanding State of Alaska employees can be nominated in four categories – coworker recognition, excellence in customer service, exceptional performance and leadership.

Nominations, which must be made on the official nomination form for the appropriate award category, can be made by any employee, including self-nomination.

CLICK for more information about the nomination process.

Administrative Order Authorizes Funds for Kivalina Storm Damage

Governor Sarah Palin signed an Administrative Order on Jan. 22 authorizing disaster relief funds for the city of Kivalina, which was damaged by a fall sea storm Sept. 12-14. A high surf and storm surge severely damaged more than half of a 1,600-foot seawall and caused erosion in the Northwest Arctic Borough's city. The Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development will coordinate with other state and federal agencies to propose long-term solutions to the ongoing erosion issues in the city and other affected coastal communities in the state.

CLICK to see Administrative Order 239.

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Q: What do you do for fun?

I enjoy hunting, hiking, fishing and camping. I also enjoy wood working and taking walks with my wife and two yellow labs. I have enjoyed being involved in Boy Scouting with my two sons and have great memories of kayaking in Seymour Canal, canoeing in Kootznahoo Inlet, canoeing down the Yukon River and hiking over the famous Chilkoot Trail.

Q: What are among your most favorite memories?

I have many wonderful memories, including flying low over the arctic's snow-covered tundra in our ski-equipped Super Cub, counting and capturing mountain goats in the rugged mountains of Southeast Alaska, radio-collaring and studying brown bears and wolves, stalking Dall sheep, mountain goats and caribou with my wife and sons, flying to remote rivers to fish for luncheon char, and boating along Southeast Alaska's rugged and beautiful coastline.

Q: What was your least favorite job and/or experience?

While working in Ketchikan during the mid '90s, I was faced with the problem of numerous black bears moving into the community in search of food after the closure of the local landfill. Although I was able to relocate more than 50 bears off Revilla Island with the help of Ketchikan Pulp Company helicopters and pilots, I also had to dispatch several bears. Though necessary, I found this very distasteful. As a result, I became a crusader for properly and responsibly handling human refuse in and around communities.

Q: What do you do for Fish and Game?

I now serve as the director of the Division of Wildlife Conservation. My job involves overseeing the division's management and research activities, along with personnel and budgeting details. The division has just over 200 employees, and it's a pleasure and honor to work alongside some of the most hard working and dedicated people in state government.

Q: Why is predator control used in Alaska?

Wild game is an important source of meat for many Alaskans throughout the state. Not only is it less expensive than store-bought meat in many instances, but many people prefer the taste and the fact that it is organic and unaffected by additives. Recognizing this, the Alaska Legislature and the Board of Game created laws and regulations to manage some specifically identified populations of moose, caribou and deer for high levels of human consumptive use. In instances where these identified populations are at lower levels than available habitat can support and where predators are determined to be the cause of the low numbers, control efforts are implemented to reduce the numbers of predators. Temporarily reducing numbers of predators allow more moose, caribou and deer to survive and reproduce, thereby enabling populations to increase. Higher numbers of these species allow for higher levels of human harvests.

Q: What happens if predators are not controlled?

Predator and prey populations can and do self-regulate, and predator control efforts are often not necessary or desired. In some instances, however, both predators and prey may exist at low densities. Failing to reduce the numbers of predators in such instances can result in persistently low numbers. If these areas coincide with those where determinations have been made to provide for high levels of human consumptive use of moose, caribou or deer, failure to control predators will prevent this objective from being achieved. Currently, predator control is allowed on slightly less than 10 percent of Alaska's land mass.

Q: What is the difference between predator control and hunting?

Hunting is a common and long-accepted activity in Alaska and elsewhere in the world. It involves "fair chase," whereby hunters are expected to use stealth and woodsmanship to stalk and harvest animals, and animals are afforded a reasonable chance of avoiding detection. Predator control, on the other hand, does not involve "fair chase." The objective is to locate and kill targeted numbers of predators as quickly and humanely as possible. This can involve the use of techniques forbidden under hunting practices, such as shooting from aircraft or landing an aircraft and then shooting. Whereas hunting can be undertaken by any member of the public who purchases the required licenses and tags, predator control can only be undertaken by specially-permitted and monitored Alaskan residents.

Q: What other programs are critical to protecting Alaska wildlife?

The Division of Wildlife Conservation undertakes a number of programs as part of its management and conservation efforts. These include aerial and ground-based surveys to assess the status of predator and prey populations across the state, and research studies to learn about the movement patterns, reproductive capabilities, feeding habits, and habitat use and needs of various species and populations. Wildlife education programs and materials are important for providing information to interested members of the public, and administering and monitoring hunting seasons, hunters and harvests are important for ensuring long-term sustainability of wildlife populations. Additionally, enforcement efforts by the Department of Public Safety's Alaska Wildlife Troopers are critically important for ensuring adherence to established hunting seasons and bag limits.

Q: Where can Alaskans go to find information about wildlife and wildlife issues?

To find out more information about Alaska's wildlife, predator management and other division programs go to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website at <http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/>



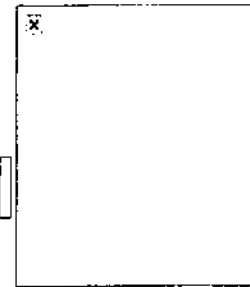
As part of a final management plan for the Tongass National Forest, Governor Sarah Palin recently joined Forest Service Chief Abigail Kimbrell in signing a "shared vision statement," which establishes a plan for sustainability of the Tongass and Southeast Alaska's communities.

"This is a tremendous step toward having a sustainable, integrated timber industry," Governor Palin said. "Speaking now with one voice, we remain committed to responsible

development that protects the diversity and health of the forest's wildlife while sustaining jobs and subsistence for residents of Southeast Alaska."

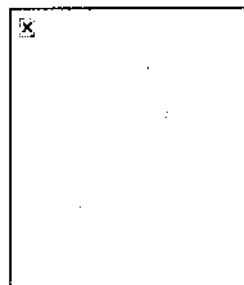
The 2008 Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Amendment was ordered more than a year ago by a federal court that concluded the 1997 plan violated the law. The amended plan adds 90,000 acres to old growth reserves and protects 47,000 acres of land most vulnerable to development. The amended plan, along with the final environmental impact statement and the record of decision, will be published in the Feb. 15 Federal Register.

As the planning phase of the process is completed, the State and Forest Service will shift their collective efforts to Forest Plan implementation. The State will continue to play an important role in this process and will have staff working with the Forest Service to begin putting the new Forest Plan to work on the ground.



VISIT ONLINE
http://tongass-fpadjust.net/FPA_RDO.htm
 VIEW PREAMBLE
 Tongass Management Plan Preamble

This process will emphasize both the conservation and economic timber aspects of the plan, the two central strategies that must work together to have a successful outcome



New Alaska License Plate Honors Statehood
 The new Alaska Statehood Celebration license plate was recently unveiled at the statehood celebration kick-off at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. The new license plate was designed by Silka artist Dean Potter, the winner of a statewide logo contest.

To see his art unveiled, Potter was joined by Statehood Celebration supporters, including: First Gentleman Todd Palin and First Daughters Bristol, Willow and Piper Palin; Lt. Governor Sean Parnell; Statehood Celebration Co-chairs Kris Perry and Melissa Stepovich; former Lt. Governor Jack Coghill;

CLICK TO LISTEN
 Governor Palin unveils the new Alaska license plate honoring 50 years of statehood.

Constitutional Convention Delegate Vic Fischer; Constitutional Convention Chief Clerk Katie Hurley; Attorney General Tait Colberg; DMVA Commissioner General Craig Campbell; and DMV Director Whitney Brewster.

The new license plates will be the standard plates issued through 2009. Motorists who wish to change their current plates may purchase the new statehood anniversary plates for \$5 at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

"This is a great start to what will be a wonderful year leading up to the 50th anniversary of statehood," Governor Palin said. "I encourage all Alaskans to take part in the many celebrations that are planned around the state."

The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, established in 2005, has organized numerous events to commemorate Alaska's 50th anniversary of admission as the 49th state. The events will take place across Alaska on dates that coincide with historical events that led to statehood.



Alaska 50th State Anniversary License Plate Design
 The new Alaska Statehood Celebration License Plate

Dates to Celebrate

- May 28, 2008**
 Celebration event in Fairbanks to commemorate the date Congress passed the Alaska Statehood Act.
- July 4, 2008**
 Weekend event in Juneau marking the July 7 date the Act was signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- January 3, 2009**
 Grand ball in Anchorage to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Statehood.

Communities across the state are encouraged to participate.

For more information, email AK50@alaska.gov or call Colleen Sullivan-Leonard at 907-269-7450.

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Governor Sarah Palin and members of her staff, including Rural Advisor Rhonda McBride, recently met with Bethel leaders to discuss public safety and other issues facing the community. The Governor and Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan visited the Bethel Police Department and met with Alaska State Troopers to learn more about BPD, which needs to hire 11 officers. The Governor visited Bethel high school students during their lunch period.



At public radio station KYUK, Governor Palin took part in her first bilingual interview, conducted by veteran Yup'ik newswoman John Active. She said she was impressed with Active's seamless translation of her answers into Yup'ik. Among the topics of discussion, the rural energy crisis, the Governor's proposed alternative energy fund, municipal revenue sharing and meeting the needs of elders.

Governor Palin also met with regional Native leaders at a luncheon hosted by the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and the Association of Village Council Presidents.

Governor Sarah Palin traveled to Bethel on Thursday, January 10, to meet with community leaders and discuss public safety and other issues facing the community. Photo by Bethel Regional High School Yearbook Staff.

Labor Commissioner Click Bishop and First Gentleman Todd Palin also traveled to Bethel with the Governor. They visited Yuut Eitnaunviat, the region's first vocational training center, and toured the Yuut Yangungviat flight school.



 Visit the American Heart Association Web Site

Healthy Hearts on Valentine's Day!
Make this and every Valentine's Day a reminder that eating healthy and physical activity lead to a long and healthy life with the ones you love. Learn more about how to take care of your heart at the American Heart Association's website.

Until next time,



Governor Sarah Palin

 State of Alaska Governor's Webmaster's Office Locations Email Governor

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:52 AM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: Email concerning Oil Companies

Governor - FYI

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 10:25 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Karen Biggs
address: 4340 Seeley Circle Anchorage AK 99502

MESSAGE:

Hello, Governor Palin!

I just wanted to say that I appreciate you standing tough with the big oil companies. It is refreshing and encouraging to see a public official such as yourself not bowing to the big corporations. Thank you for standing strong for political/professional ethics!

As well, thank you for handling the "Hottest Governor in the US" publicity with professional grace. Your professional people-savvy demeanor is a great example to others of dignity and self-respect. Thank you for being a good role model for girls/women.

I also support your stance in wanting to manage the surplus oil revenues wisely for the future. I am all for money management decisions that will bless future generations of Alaskans -- we are blessed today, but we should be good stewards of these funds for our children. Please push to invest/save as much as possible for future years.

Thank you for all your hard work!!!

Karen Biggs,
Anchorage, AK

karen_biggs@hotmail.com

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 9:26 AM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: Email

Governor - FYI

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 10:38 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Bill Thompson
address: po box 505 Keani AK 99611
907-283-1558

MESSAGE:

Thank you for being color blind! I am weary of race status being descisive criteria for many aspects of our lives. I thought we fought for civil rights in the 60's for ALL people? It seems that some still want special treatment, recognition, position, and compensation by virtue of race! Will it never end?

Thanks so much for doing a great job. I appreciate your strength and diplomacy in taking a stand. It is refreshing to have a leader that will stand up and say it straight and not double talk.

I hope you are enjoying your life as well. Don't let the stresses of your job wear you down. Know that there are many folks that support and encourage you.

Regards,
Bill Thompson

rwtjr@gci.net

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:04 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Friday, Feb 8 first grade news

Governor, I'll pass that on to Diane, she'll be happy to hear that! We can make apple slices with peanut butter & raisins on top, if that sounds good. I'll add it on our House calendar. Thanks, Erika

Erika Fagerstrom
Executive Residence Manager
Governor's House
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor
716 Calhoun Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: 907-465-3500; Fax: 907-465-2031

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 12:54 PM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Subject: Re: Friday, Feb 8 first grade news

Erika- pls tell Diane they loved the cake - piper said it was sooooo good! And I'll remember to bring in healthy snacks for her valentines day party.

----- Original Message -----

From: Patty Winegar <winegarp@jsd.k12.ak.us>
To: Todd Palin <FEK9WNR@yahoo.com>; Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Fri Feb 08 12:39:14 2008
Subject: Friday, Feb 8 first grade news

Dear Parents,

We've had an eventful week.

On Monday we made three totems that tell the story of "The Box of Daylight".

We kept two and gave Mr. F's class one.

On Tuesday we played the Spin for Beans game. It's a game where children get practice grouping by tens.

On Wednesday we celebrated 100 Days of School. We read 156 books, wrote 100 words and had a number hunt with numbers to 100. At the end of the day we

blew out 100 candles on a delicious cake. Thank you Piper for bringing the cake!

On Thursday we had our potlatch. We wore our paper blankets and headdresses.

Edgar told the story of raven bringing the light and presented the totem to the Ravens. Then they gave us medallions that they had made. Then we feasted on smoked salmon and herring eggs. Thank you Madison for bringing the herring eggs.

On Friday each child made a bag to collect Valentines in. You will find a list of friends and teachers on the reverse side of this note. Please include a Valentine for each child in our room.

I will also attach a note asking for donations for our Valentine Party. We do

have plenty of juice already so don't worry about that.

We are planning to keep the same schedule for conferences that we had in the fall. Please let me know if you would rather meet at a different day or time.

If you weren't here in the fall let me know the day and time works best for you.

I will try to accommodate you.

February 14th - Valentine's Day Party - 2:45-3:45 February 16th - Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
February 26 & 27 - Parent Conferences (No student attendance) February 28 & 29 - Staff In-service (No student attendance)

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 1:21 PM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Cc: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Request to meet w/GOV - Mayor Whitaker (FBKS)
Importance: High

The Governor will be traveling to Fairbanks this next week 02.15.08 for several events. Mayor Whitaker's office just called asking for 30 minutes with the Governor in regards to: The Mayor is in full support of the gas line and would like direction from the Governor on how to proceed further with this.

The Governor is asking for your comments on this request and how this should be addressed (before we address the request). Thank you, Janice

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:20 PM

To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Good news for you

fyi- an earlier email from sean re: Privi

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: SEAN & SANDRA PARNELL [Privileged or Personal]
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2008 5:18 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp
Subject: Good news for you

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Let me know if you want to talk about it.

Sean

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:40 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Homer Airport shooting and non-prosecution

Dear Governor Palin,

Last week you enquired about the Homer shooting. The Criminal Division established a panel to review the issue and recommended that there be no State of Alaska prosecution of the officers involved in the airport shooting. I thought I would have a written report confirming that before it was announced but now I see that Public Safety has been informed by the criminal division and in turn is advising the Homer police. This is to let you know the message is apparently out. Talis

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 4:07 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG)
Subject: Re: Commissioner Lloyd request - Sat., 02.08.08

I did get his email, haven't got to answer back nor rearrange other things to try to get to Fish mtg... I don't I can get there. And no need for assistance at AOC banquet, but appreciate the offer. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 15:24:13

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Commissioner Lloyd request - Sat., 02.08.08

Governor - Good thing you and girls got out last night. The wind and snow are terrible today.

Commissioner Lloyd had emailed a request earlier today to see if you would like to do a stop by at the Board of Fish meeting next door to the Millennium - apparently they are there until approx. 5:00 p.m. The Commissioner also asked if you would like any assistance at the banquet tonight.

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD]
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2008 12:16 PM
To: 'Shelley Hughes'; Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
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Cc: Sharon Leighow; Meghan N Stapleton
Subject: Legislative Confirmation Press Release

Governor Palin and Mike,

Do you want to do one general press release with all of the appointments requiring legislative confirmation or separate press releases for some of the more high profile boards such as Judicial Council?

I can start passing on any information for some of the confirmed appointments to the press office if press release (s) are going out.

Thanks,

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Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 10:18 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Today's schedule

I wanted to let you know I am planning on attending today's meeting. I know you / all can do great without me but I really support you and CP needs to see the group unified.

I spent 2 1/2 hours with PA. Will update the team today.

Also I have rescheduled with Sharon. I am taking off tomorrow and will spend a quality day with her.

Tell Todd we are cheering for him. Thanks for letting me be part of you team. God bless. Tom

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 9:23 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Subject: Valley highways

Leo- let's make sure adequate funding for continued progress on Palmer-Wasilla Hwy is in this ye's budgets- any amendments have to be in by Tuesday. The road, as you know, is deadly and so overcrowded.

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To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Quick Notes

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Thank you! And if CP is ticked that I told anyone I met with them, and they intend to punish us for it, then they've got strange tactics. My meeting schedule is a public document, for one. Also, haven't they heard us say all along that we weren't doing anything in secret with AGIA?

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:21 PM
To: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Confidential: KABATA

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 07:17:11

To: "Talis Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Subject: Confidential: KABATA

Talis- I can't open this, but I'll ask Randy about it tomorrow. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 14:54:10

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: KABATA

Dear Governor Palin and Mr. Tibbles,

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Governor, if the

attachment does not open let me know immediately and I will get you a
hard copy. Talis

From: Goodwin, Elizabeth (LAW)

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:39 PM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Cantor, James E
(LAW)

Cc: Stark, Jeffrey P (LAW)

Subject: KABATA

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Thanks,

Beth Goodwin

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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:45 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: KABATA

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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 7:44 PM
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Happy Birthday!!!!

Thanks so much! I'm having a ball - thanks to you and some of the most amazing Alaskans I've ever met. We're thankful you've chosen public service at this time in your life. Thank you!

----- Original Message -----

From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Mon Feb 11 19:04:30 2008
Subject: Happy Birthday!!!!

Governor,

I didn't get an opportunity to say Happy Birthday to you yesterday, in person. However, I know today is your actual birthday and I just hope you are able to have a bit of fun. So HAPPY BIRTHDAY and thank you so very much for sharing your life with Alaskans, and for being such a wonderful Governor who puts Alaska first!

God bless you!

Marty

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 7:40 PM
To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Confidential: CP mtg/KTUU

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----- Original Message -----

From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Sent: Mon Feb 11 18:52:59 2008
Subject: Re: Confidential: CP mtg/KTUU

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Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Sent: Mon Feb 11 17:58:23 2008
Subject: Confidential: CP mtg/KTUU

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----- Original Message -----

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
Cc: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 6:53 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: Confidential: CP mtg/KTUU

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To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Confidential: CP mtg/KTUU

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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 5:57 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: CP mtg/KTUU

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To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
CC: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Mon Feb 11 17:53:32 2008
Subject: Re: CP mtg/KTUU

Nope- no one is to discourage open dialogue with the public on when and where I meet with CP. After getting beat up for how long now bc the public is led to believe we aren't willing to hear them out- I will not hide any discussions with CP. And there was never any discussion re: not acknowledging the mtg. In fact, had I gone forward with the original plan of a Monday mtg in the Capitol, everyone would have known and I'd have even allowed the press to be there if they requested.

I did not talk about anything that CP hasn't already talked about publicly.

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Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:36 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thank you Lt. Governor!

-----Original Message-----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Feb 11, 2008 7:01 AM
Subject: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hope you have a good birthday today! You've almost caught up with my aged state...:)

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From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV) [sunny.cayce@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:20 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Castle; Lillian K (GOV)
Subject: RE: Rural/Native

At Mike Nizich's request, I am forwarding this to Lynne. I guess Mike Black at Commerce is working on it.

Sunny

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:52 PM
To: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Rural/Native

Sunny,

Is Nizich still working on this???

Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 12:41 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Rural/Native

Web mail from: Kimberly Kevwitch

address: 4594 West Mineral Drive #428 Littleton CO 80128

303-669-9077

MESSAGE:

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kkevwitch@g.com

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 2:07 PM
To: Davis, Susan M (GOV)
Subject: Thank you!

For the warm wishes - I thank you Susan! Have a great day.

Unknown

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Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:44 PM
To: streamjet1@outdrs.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:33 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Leonard Caskey
address: 3927 Victory Dr. SW Port Orchard WA 98367
360-674-2675

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

You don't know how good it feels to hear a Governor or any high official speak positive of the citizens rights. Especialy the 2nd Amendment.

Washington used to be that way, but not any more. We have been overrun with bleeding hearts and our officials feel the only rights we have are the ones they give us.

My next perminent home will be in Alaska. You can take that to the bank.

I am impressed with your attitude, the knowledge and common sense you show.

Thank You.

Leonard Caskey

streamjet1@outdrs.net

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 12:46 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: please approve

Looks good thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 12:38:54

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: please approve

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NO: 08-0XX

Governor Palin Signs 'Safe Haven' Bill Into Law

Bill allows parents to surrender newborns without prosecution

February 11, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin signed House Bill 29 into law today. The "Safe Haven for Infants Act" passed the State House in May and passed the Senate on January 19.

The bill allows a parent to safely surrender a newborn child without the threat of prosecution, as long as there is no evidence the infant has been physically injured.

Without penalty, a parent may leave the infant in the physical custody of a peace officer, physician or hospital employee, or a volunteer or employee of a fire station or emergency medical service.

"All children deserve to begin their lives in a loving, protective family," Governor Palin said. "When that fails, it is our job as a state to make sure that children are protected. I thank the bill's sponsor, Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, for her hard work and persistence in bringing this bill forward."

Under HB 29, if a parent wishes to relinquish his or her parental rights and release the infant for adoption, the person receiving the infant must contact the Department of Health and Social Service.

The Department of Health and Social Services will begin educating emergency responders and the public about the law and how an infant may be safely surrendered.

"Unfortunately, abandonment of infants has occurred in Alaska," HSS Commissioner Karleen Jackson said. "It is our hope that the passage of the 'Safe Haven' act has ended that

forever."

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Contact: Susan Morgan, (907) 269-4996, Cell (907) 632-6107
Cathy Stadem, (907) 269-3495, Cell (907) 529-1520

Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
Deputy Communications Director

(907) 269-7450 Anchorage
(907) 465-4031 Juneau
(907) 240-7943 cell

Unknown

From: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LVON_SCHEBEN]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:38 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Valley highways

I will get something to you monday afternoon. My staff working on it as we speak, Leo

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Sent: Sun Feb 10 09:22:55 2008
Subject: Valley highways

Leo- let's make sure adequate funding for continued progress on Palmer-Wasilla Hwy is in this ye's budgets- any amendments have to be in by Tuesday. The road, as you know, is deadly and so overcrowded.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Savland; Monica L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fish_and_Game

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 10:35 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Charlie Ess

address: North Pacific Bureau Chief National Fisherman magazine AK 99674

MESSAGE:

Hi,

Just a quick note for either Sarah or Cora. I'm jamming a few news highlights from 2007 into our Yearbook issue which publishes in April and wanted to run 75 to 100 words about Sarah's/your first year in office. The big question? Did she/you find time to fish Bristol Bay again this summer? And for how long?

Cheers, and good luck in the year ahead, Charlie Ess

essays@alaska.net

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:00 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Cc: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben

I just need specifically the palmer-wasilla hwy funding answers, hopefully he can get me that for the mayors and assembly and both city councils. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 08:58:13

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben called and asked me to let you know he is working on getting you the information about funding and roads in the Mat-Su. I believe he will be sending it to Karen Rehfeld and the Chief-of-Staff as well.

Randy

Unknown

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5122441987

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A disabled combat veteran and a fan...

john_stobaugh@sbcglobal.net

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Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:43 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Llanos
address: 3061 Lois Drive Apt. 608 Anchorage AK 99517
907.279.4244

MESSAGE:

Dear Mrs. Palin,

I saw this website on ADN.COM. Where they want you for Vice President of the United States of America.

Granted.

I like you and your administration. I voted for you.

But don't leave us.

If you do decide to go. Who are we going to rely on?

I hope you think about your future here.

I just wanted to say that.

Respectfully,

Thomas G. Llanos

thomasllanos@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:43 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Happy Birthday

Janice,

I thought this was a threat, but I think he is saying she doesn't want to catch up with him because he is 85. Please let me know if you think different and I will send it to Tom.

Donna

From: jay [mailto:jaynolfi@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:23 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Happy Birthday

Governor Sarah, I wish you a happy, healthy and safe Birthday!

Careful, you don't want to catch up to me! (85)

Jay Nolfi

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Unknown

From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:12 AM

To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Fwd: Sched

did u received?

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: Leschper, Beth (GOV) [beth.leschper@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:48 AM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Monday Safe Haven Bill Signing
Governor:

A hard copy is in a folder with Janice.
Our leg office has also looked over this draft.

Beth

Safe Haven Bill Signing
February 11, 2008
Governor Palin

Rep. Gabriel LeDoux
Comm Karleen Jackson
Comm Annette Kreitzer
Tammy Sandoval (OCS director)
Mike Lesmann (OCS legislative liaison)
Jan Rutherfordale (Atty-Child Protection Section)

House Bill 29 "Safe Haven for Infants Act"

- Good afternoon. All children deserve to begin their lives in a loving, protective family. Children should have the opportunity to succeed as they grow in a safe and supportive home. But when that fails, it's our job as a state is to make sure that children are protected.
- In Alaska, we have seen cases where infants have been abandoned or fatally injured. While it is rare, we must be proactive and prepared so that even one infant's life can be saved.
- I am so pleased to sign this bill today to protect Alaska's children. HB 29 — Alaska's Safe Haven for Infants Act — will save the lives of newborns as it allows a parent to remain anonymous and provides legal protection to the parent who surrenders an infant to the appropriate person.
- We are committed to preserving life and this bill will protect an infant when its parents cannot handle the responsibility, and act inappropriately out of fear of prosecution or exposure.

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- I thank the bill's sponsor, Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux of Kodiak, for her hard work and persistence in bringing this bill forward. I'd like to also thank all of the legislators and Department of Health and Social Services staff who have worked on this important and compassionate bill.
- I'm pleased to introduce Health and Social Services Commissioner Karleen Jackson who will further address this bill.

(sign bill while Commissioner Jackson is speaking)

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Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 7:43 AM
To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Von Scheben; Leo (DOT)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Valley highways

But not Palmer-Wasilla Hwy?

Leo- what are funding plans there - as I'm being asked everywhere I go in the Valley, including both Mayors seeking answers as I met with them this weekend.

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Rehfeld
To: Governor Sarah Palin
To: Leo Von Scheben
Cc: Mike Tibbles
Sent: Feb 11, 2008 7:39 AM
Subject: RE: Valley highways

Governor - we have \$11.5 million GF for Glenn Highway Repairs; \$15 million GF for Trunk Road - Phase I; and \$10 million fed for Trunk Road in Mat-Su -For projects in the borough, including the Palmer State Office Building, water/sewer, etc... there is another \$21.5 million GF - total Mat-Su areawide is \$65.3 million - Karen

Karen J. Rehfeld, Director
Office of Management & Budget
465-3568

karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 9:23 AM
To: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Subject: Valley highways

Leo- let's make sure adequate funding for continued progress on
Palmer-Wasilla Hwy is in this ye's budgets- any amendments have to be in
by Tuesday. The road, as you know, is deadly and so overcrowded.
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 7:28 AM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Board action January 26, 2008

Let's do the 39. If Dick and others need to hear that from me, I'm happy to let them know that's where we're going. Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 07:25:21

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Board action January 26, 2008

That pretty much sums it up. \$39k final pmt. I sent numerous emails last night on this and suggested that Balash and I speak on it this morning. Also I told Dick that I want to speak with him. I plan to call Tom as well.

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~~Privileged~~ we have our scheduled conf call at 1pm today so will work hard for a reasonable conclusion.

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Mon 2/11/2008 7:10 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Re: Board action January 26, 2008

I must be missing something.

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Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 18:53:18

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Board action January 26, 2008

I spoke w/Kristan at length. I apologize, but didn't realize that the total was \$39k as final payment to producers to cover pick-ups that were missed by N. Lights, etc. It was initially reported as \$39k to each and so I had the rough amount of \$200k stuck in my head (that I mentioned below). Just wanted to clarify.

I've sent a few emails to Mike and Joe keeping them in the loop. Which was a good thing since Joe knew nothing about the meeting, although he has been copied on the emails.

Kris

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Sun 2/10/2008 1:12 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Board action January 26, 2008

I'm going to call Kristan right now and talk with her. We have a conference call to go over a laundry list of issues tomorrow - Kristan will be on that call - and this certainly will be a point of discussion.

I am not forwarding Kristan's email to you and I (I was not prepared for either of these that she sent) to anyone else, but I do intend to forward the email she sent Tina Otto to Tibbles and Balash so that they are in the loop. Actually it has been odd and one of the reasons I requested Monday's conference call is that we've not heard much from the CC Board - except updates to specific items of interest - since Dick put a stop to their motion to distribute \$200k to the farmers. Well here's their response.

I told Mike I would provide him and Balash an update after tomorrow's conference call.

Kris

From: Kristan Cole [mailto:kccole@mtaonline.net <mailto:kccole@mtaonline.net>]
Sent: Sun 2/10/2008 12:25 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Board action January 26, 2008

Governor, I have not copied anyone on this email except Kris. I have walked a tight rope for a month now regarding this issue. I was torn between loyalty to you and the administration, and doing what was right. I was hoping that as we clarified our decision that we were not using any of the funds appropriated by the legislature that we would be allowed to move forward. That hasn't happened.

Tom Irwin asked me this summer if you had to choose between loyalty and doing what was right what would you do? I said I would do what was right. Today I believe I am being both loyal to you and doing what is right.

I had a heavy heart at church this morning over this entire issue. I believe I would be disloyal if I did not share with you my heart and if I perish, I perish. See my email below that I sent today. Kristan

From: Kristan Cole [mailto:kccole@mtaonline.net <mailto:kccole@mtaonline.net>]

Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 12:24 PM

To: 'Tina'

Cc: 'Irwin, Tom E (DNR)'; 'pglaw@alaska.net'; 'Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)';
'joe_austerman@dced.state.ak.us'; Ben Vanderweele; John Schirack; Kristan Cole; Ralph
Carney; Ray DePriest

Subject: Board action January 26, 2008

Tina, I believe it is my responsibility as the Chairman of the Creamery Corporation to email you regarding the board action taken January 26, 2008. The board believes it is in the best interest of the corporation, the shareholder, and the state of Alaska to carry out the motion that was approved by the board and approved by corporate legal counsel on January 26th. This is not a decision this board took lightly, but considered with clarity, with all of the facts before us, and with the review and approval of our corporate counsel.

We respectfully request something in writing from you explaining to us why the board, whom the shareholder appointed and put in place, cannot be allowed to carry out the business decision(s) we believe are truly right and in the best interest of the corporation and the shareholder. The board feels strongly that if they are not allowed to make business decisions as the bylaws provide for, then there is no further need for this board.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristan Cole, Chair
Creamery Corporation

febvre, Richard A (DNR) [mailto:richard.lefebvre@alaska.gov
<mailto:richard.lefebvre@alaska.gov>]

Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 2:38 PM

To: Kristan Cole; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); tina.otto@alaska.gov; tom.irwin@alaska.gov;
Simons, Leta L (DNR); joe.balash@alaska.gov; Austerman, Joseph M (CED)

Subject: checks from mining companies-Dairy Farmers

The three checks from the mining folks were received by the Stockgrower folks. Don't know if the money has been further distributed.

Unknown

From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRIYE]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 6:34 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Happy Birthday!

Hope you have a terrific day.

Unknown

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Email - Thank you

Governor Sarah,

Hello! Just a quick note from all of us at ChangePoint. Your sincere delivery of such an inspirational (and fun) message was received with roaring cheers from a packed house at our RefreshHer event on Friday. Gwen Adams, our main speaker for the event, and many others, asked that I let you know we appreciate very much that you took the time to encourage and spur on our ladies.

We routinely pray for you, and we thank God for giving you to us as our Governor. You're a blessing!

Kelly

Kelly Clifton
Scheduler
Office of Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:28 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Email that you asked be forwarded

Governor - you asked that this email be forwarded to you. If you'd like I can ask that they list the issues so that you are not giving them direct access to your account. Thanks, Janice

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 7:09 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Labor

Web mail from: Mr. Victor Knott
address: 14114 Rocky Road Anchorage AK 99516
(907) 349-7228

MESSAGE:

Hello! My name is Victor Knott , a personal friend of the Governor's . I had met with her breifly on Saturday at the start of the Tesoro Iron Dog race. What a cold and buisy day for all. She had asked that I drop an e mail and have it forewarded to her. This is in regards to **Privileged or Personal Material Redacted**

Would you please foreward this to her , so I may have the opertunity to discuss these issues with her.

Thank You

28 year state employee and a Palin suporter.

Victor Knott

phone # 349-7228 or cell # 529-5996

vandh@gci.net

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:41 PM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: Email for Track

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us (<mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us>)
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 5:29 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Robb Myers
address: 600 D St Fairbanks AK 99701

MESSAGE:
Gov. Palin,

So it showed up in the news here that Track is stationed at Wainwright. I thought that he might need a church. If he is interested, I suggest Door of Hope, where I go. It is similar to Juneau Christian Center, has large young adult and military populations, and offers Saturday night services if he wants to avoid early mornings.

Robb

robbmyers@hotmail.com

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Unknown

From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 8:58 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben called and asked me to let you know he is working on getting you the information about funding and roads in the Mat-Su. I believe he will be sending it to Karen Rehfeld and the Chief-of-Staff as well.

Randy

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:34 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: Happy Birthday

FYI

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:26 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Happy Birthday

From: Davis, Susan M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:23 AM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Happy Birthday

Dear Governor Palin,

Happy Birthday !

Best regards,
Susie

Susan Davis
Kenai Peninsula Office of the Governor
907-283-2918

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From: Crome, Cora J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CJCROME]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 5:06 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: Cook Inlet BOF mtg -- thus far

Governor,
The Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fish meeting is going fairly well so far, with only slight adjustments being made. The biggest issues are yet to come, and should be addressed tomorrow and the next day. See the e-mail below from Denby giving details so far. The Mat-Su folks should be happy about declaring Susitna River sockeye salmon a stock of concern. The eastside setnetters should be happy about extending the fishery until August 15th, which will give them additional opportunity when runs are late. I will provide a more complete summary for you when the meeting is over.
Cora

From: Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 4:01 PM
To: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Cook Inlet BOF mtg -- thus far

Cora:

We are in the meeting right now, and it will continue at least into or through tomorrow. Highlights thus far include:

1. Prohibition of personal use fishing for sockeye in the lower Kenai River (which occurs in July) from boats powered by 2-stroke engines (other than direct fuel injection engines); this parallels action recently approved by the Governor and DNR for the middle Kenai River.
2. Susitna River sockeye salmon have been declared a stock of yield concern, in answer to requests and proposals from the Mat-Su region.
3. Extension of the Upper Cook Inlet eastside set gill net fishery from a previous closure date of August 10 to a new closure date of August 15, with only two regular (12-hour) open periods allowed during the Aug 11-15 time period.
4. Liberalized sport fishing retention for early Kenai River Chinook salmon (for fish 20-28 inches only).

We have not gotten to the meat of the central Cook Inlet drift gill net fishery, nor to the escapement goal vs. closed windows dilemma for the eastside set netters.

Let me know if you need more, DL.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
907-465-4719

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 1:27 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Savland; Monica L (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Sharon/Cora - Will you be taking care of this one directly? Thanks, Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Savland, Monica L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fish_and_Game

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 10:35 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Charlie Ess

address: North Pacific Bureau Chief National Fisherman magazine AK 99674

Unknown

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:32 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV)
Subject: RE: Computer

Governor - I had emailed Erika on this request this weekend. Erika was hoping that they would be able to do this today. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:23 AM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Computer

Would you have a computer installed in Todd's office at the house? Don't know if the murkowski's got work done with only one computer between their two offices, but we're busy enough where both offices need their own computers so we're not trying to share one desk top. Thanks

Unknown

From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:45 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: RE: Computer

There's a computer in Todd's office, so when Janice requested another- I assumed that you wanted one in the office/room by the kitchenette.

There's currently a request for one to be installed in your old office. Do you want one in what *used to be your office* or the 2nd floor Family room?

Thanks,
Erika

Erika Fagerstrom
Executive Residence Manager
Governor's House
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor
716 Calhoun Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: 907-465-3500; Fax: 907-465-2031

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 10:23 AM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Computer

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:26 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Traction at Criminal Justice Working Group

The Criminal Justice Working Group (CJWG) met for most of the day today and is a group that I co-chair with Chief Justice Dana Fabe. Commissioners Moneghan, Schmidt, and Jackson all participate and Talis sends his designee. Justice Carpeneti typically leads the Court System side of things. And, APD Chief Rob Heun is active as is Randy Ruaro of your office and Jay Pullins of mine. We have about 10 more agency people that show up, as well.

CJWG has met a number of times and we have two working subcommittees; one to address **recidivism issues** chaired by Joe Schmidt and one addressing **efficiency issues** across the criminal justice system, chaired by Stephanie Cole/Christine Johnson of the Court System.

I asked each of the subcommittees to define a goal to achieve and then strategies to achieve it. The recidivism committee is focused on **reducing the number of arrests per capita** (will get to a hard number) and will likely focus on strategies at the younger aged end of the spectrum (juveniles to 24) since that's where our repeat offenders tend to be.

The efficiency subcommittee is focused on improving efficiency and effectiveness measures from the time of arrest by law enforcement, through the pre-trial phase, trial phase, sentencing phase, and incarceration to re-entry. We're likely to move toward **fixing the discovery process in the pretrial phase** and using "time to disposition data" to measure results.

It just feels like we're getting some traction. I'm proud of your commissioners and staff. This is a good group that not only looks at the big policy issues but they also address the day to day "burning issues" and resolve them cooperatively. For example, Law brought an issue to the table two months ago where they complained the Kenai judges were making them draft judgments and orders rather than the court doing it. The chief justice got that changed. Today, a similar issue arose with Law complaining about the court system requiring them to write orders in certain juvenile proceedings, Justice Carpeneti said he would take care of that as well. Just wanted you to know you've got a working, functioning criminal justice group out there.

8/24/2009

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Unknown

From: Myrna Brown [mbrown@cchita.org]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:26 AM
To: Myrna Brown; Andrew Ebona; Lindoff; Angel A (DOR); A Duncan Munro; amalia.monreal@searhc.org; Miss Annette Marie Osborne; angel.culp@goldbelt.com; Alfred McKinley, Sr.; andrea doll; Andrea Cadiente-Laiti; Beverly J. Vonda; Donnelly; Bernice M (EED); Buck; Hannah K (GOV); bobloeschier@gci.net; Clifton; Kelly L (GOV); connie munro; Doloresa Cadiente; danthea; Brown; Darrell (HAL); Ella Bennett; Ethel Lund; Corpuz; Elena (DOA); Susetna; Gomez; Shelly (HSS); gary.droubay@goldbelt.com; Ishmael Hope; jfjl; Mason; Janice L (GOV); Jerry Ann; Judy Mason; Jerry Bennett; Bennett; Janice A (DFG); Joann Patterson; Catherine V. Thomas; kate.kokotovitch@sealaska.com; Kathy Miller; Squires-White; Lynn (DOA); SueAnn Williams; Laverne Garvey; lkadinger@thrha.org; Nashoanak; Martha L (DOA); Maureen Brown; Mike Early; marietta.hopkins@sealaska.com; Michele Metz; memartin@gci.net; Marie Olsen; Miller; Mary E (DOL); Marvin; Sharon A (HSS); Molly Yerkes; Barnes; Nancy C (LAA); Norman Sarabia; norman.flood@goldbelt.com; nicole.hallingstad@sealaska.com; Kortling; Nancy A (LAW); peter@kootznoowoo.com; Percy Martin; pexendine@gci.net; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Ron Williams; Renee Culp; Rhonda Hickok; Selina Everson; Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Thea Brown; Theresa Tanoury; St.Clair; Vonda M (DOR); Vicki Soboleff; Victoria Johnson; Diane Carrier; Lyle James; zuboffsj@gci.net; Andrew Ebona; anbjnu4@ak.net
Subject: Two upcoming functions....please let others know

Open to the public. The next two Native Issues information.

Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 2 and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska proudly announce the next Native Issues Forum that will bring together **national and state level authorities** that will sit on a mini-panel from the **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium board**. The forum is open to the public and is scheduled for **February 13th; Wednesday at 11:45 AM** at the ANB Hall located at 320 West Willoughby Avenue. A delicious lunch style buffet is available at a reasonable cost or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. **Menu entrée items: sweet 'n sour chicken, mongolian beef, fried rice/steamed rice, stir fry vegetables, fry bread w/butter, cake w/strawberry filling. Sisterhood stew, salads: crab salad, sockeye macaroni salad, herring egg salad and fruit salad.**

And, please calendar **February 18th; Monday**. We are proud to announce that on **February 18th Senator Ted Stevens** will be our featured speaker from the **United States Senate**. The forum will begin approximately at 11:45 AM and conclude at 1:00 PM. **Menu entrée items: grilled salmon, roast beef/gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, buttered corn, fry bread w/butter, mixed berries w/bananas. Sockeye chowder, salads: shrimp salad, cesar's salad, jell-o salad and fruit salad.** Although this is a holiday we are accommodating Senator Stevens schedule and hope you can make plans on attending.

Thank you.

8/24/2009

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Unknown

From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 9:01 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Steaks Dinner

Governor,
The steaks are in the freezer wrapped in white butcher paper. Would you like to have a few grilled for tonight?
Diane thought of making sugar-free jello in the shape of hearts for Piper's class- we'll plan on that unless we hear otherwise.
Thanks,
Erika

Erika Fagerstrom
Executive Residence Manager
Governor's House
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor
716 Calhoun Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: 907-465-3500; Fax: 907-465-2031

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 8:58 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Message from Commissioner Von Scheben

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben called and asked me to let you know he is working on getting you the information about funding and roads in the Mat-Su. I believe he will be sending it to Karen Rehfeld and the Chief-of-Staff as well.

Randy

8/26/2009

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Respectfully Yours;



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Attached is an e-copy of the State of Texas and 30 other States' Brief in Support of Respondent, which is being filed in the Supreme Court today in District of Columbia v. Heller, Cause No. 07-290. A hard copy of the brief will be sent to you shortly.

We are very glad to have such a strong coalition of States joining this brief. You have our thanks for your timely consideration of the brief,

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Petitioners,

v.

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Respondent.

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District of Columbia Circuit

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Whether the following provisions—D.C. Code §§7-2502.02(a)(4), 22-4504(a), and 7-2507.02—violate the Second Amendment rights of individuals who are not affiliated with any state-regulated militia, but who wish to keep handguns and other firearms for private use in their homes.

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INTEREST OF *AMICI CURIAE*

Amici, the State of Texas and 30 other States, have an interest in this case because of its potential impact on their citizens' constitutional rights. The individual right to keep and bear arms is protected by the United States Constitution and the constitutions of forty-four States.¹ Given the significance of this fundamental right, the States have a substantial interest in ensuring that the Second Amendment is accorded its proper scope.

The *amici* States believe that the court of appeals's decision—that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms—is correct and fully consistent with the Framers' intent. Moreover, the District of Columbia's categorical gun ban is markedly out of step with the judgment of the legislatures of the fifty States, all of which protect the right of private citizens to own handguns.

1. *Amici* States have attached an Appendix outlining the relevant state constitutional and statutory provisions concerning firearms.

SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT

Described by Justice Joseph Story as "the palladium of the liberties of the republic," the right to keep and bear arms enjoys prominent placement at the outset of the Bill of Rights. Yet the central issue in this case is whether that constitutional provision retains any vitality whatsoever.

The District of Columbia's position, as the court of appeals explained, is that "the Second Amendment is a dead letter." Pet. App. 13a. That ahistorical contention—supported by modern-day advocates who disagree with the policy judgments embodied in that Amendment—runs contrary to both the text and the original understanding of our Constitution.

Because the Second Amendment's text recognizes a "right," not a "power," and guarantees that right to "the people" and not "the States," it necessarily secures an individual right to keep and bear arms. The First, Fourth, and Ninth Amendments likewise protect the "rights" of "the people," and none dispute that those Amendments protect individual rights. The Tenth Amendment, in turn, expressly distinguishes between "the States" and "the people," demonstrating that the Framers knew well the difference. And, this Court has made clear, "the people" is a term of art, with the same meaning throughout the Bill of Rights.

The District's contrary position is based largely upon a misconstruction of the Amendment's prefatory clause. Although the preamble states that keeping a well-regulated militia is one purpose of the right, nothing in that statement contradicts the Amendment's operative

language. The District's interpretation of that prefatory language as limiting the Amendment only to members of organized state militias runs contrary to the understanding—and statutory definition—at the time of the Founding that all able-bodied males armed with their own private weapons comprised the "Militia."

The court of appeals's ruling is also consistent with this Court's decision in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939). That brief and famously opaque opinion can be read to support multiple interpretations, but the better reading is that the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right. Indeed, *Miller* makes sense only if the Court believed that the Second Amendment protects individual rights; otherwise, virtually all of the *Miller* Court's analysis would be rendered superfluous.

That view is further buttressed by an unbroken line of commentary from the Framers to nineteenth-century scholars to the bulk of modern scholarship. Indeed, the unmistakable trend among constitutional scholars—even those who might otherwise disfavor private firearms possession—is toward recognition that the Second Amendment protects an individual right, as its plain text suggests.

Reasonable minds can differ about the Second Amendment's scope—that is, about which government regulations are permissible. And subsequent cases may well present difficult questions about where precisely to draw that line. Those vexing issues are not presented in this case, however, and are appropriately left to another day.

This case instead presents two straightforward questions, each of which will determine whether the Second Amendment has any modern relevance. *First*, as a threshold matter, does the Amendment protect any individual rights at all. And *second*, do the challenged District ordinances—which collectively prohibit the possession of any functioning firearm in one's own home—run afoul of that right.

On more difficult questions involving the Amendment's application—such as registration requirements and comprehensive regulation—the many *amici* States may well part ways. But the two questions in this case are, in the eyes of *amici*, not difficult. If the answer to either question were in the negative, then the Second Amendment's protections would be rendered illusory.

For the same reason, the *amici* States believe that the Department of Justice's position that this case should be vacated and remanded is indefensible. Under any standard, including that advocated by the Department, a total prohibition on the possession of any functioning firearm cannot be sustained. The District's ordinances facially prohibit Mr. Heller from ever possessing a handgun in his own home or from possessing an operable long gun.

An individual right that can be altogether abrogated is no right at all. *Amici* States are sovereign governmental bodies with strong interests in maintaining extant regulations barring, for example, convicted felons from possessing firearms. But none of the 31 *amici* States believes that its citizens' constitutional rights should be effectively erased from the Bill of Rights. Because, under any standard, a total prohibition on the possession of

firearms cannot be reconciled with the individual right to keep and bear arms, the court of appeals's judgment should be affirmed.

ARGUMENT

I. THE COURT OF APPEALS CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE SECOND AMENDMENT GUARANTEES AN INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS.

The court of appeals's holding that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms, Pet. App. 44a, gives effect to the Amendment's plain text and reflects the structure of the Bill of Rights. It is consistent with the views of the Framers, the great weight of scholarly commentary, and this Court's precedent.

A. The Second Amendment's Text Guarantees an Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

The Second Amendment provides, "[a] well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." U.S. CONST. amend. II. The Court has long emphasized the importance of the Constitution's specific text: "[T]he enlightened patriots who framed our Constitution, and the people who adopted it, must be understood to have employed words in their natural sense, and to have intended what they said." *Pollock v. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.*, 158 U.S. 601, 618-19 (1895) (internal quotation omitted).

1. The "right of the people" is an individual right.

The Second Amendment's operative words protect the right of "the people," not the "militia" and not the "States," to keep and bear arms. The meaning to be given to the words "the people" as used in the Second Amendment phrase "the right of the people" should be the same meaning attributed to that same phrase in the contemporaneously submitted and ratified First and Fourth Amendments. Pet. App. 18a; *United States v. Emerson*, 270 F.3d 203, 227 (5th Cir. 2001). And all three amendments describe personal, individual rights.

In *United States v. Verdugo-Urquidez*, the Court concluded that the words "the people" bear special significance in the context of the Bill of Rights:

"[T]he people' seems to have been a term of art employed in select parts of the Constitution. . . . The Second Amendment protects 'the right of the people to keep and bear Arms,' and the Ninth and Tenth Amendments provide that certain rights and powers are retained by and reserved to 'the people.' See also U.S. Const. Amdt. 1 . . . ; Art. I, § 2, cl. 1 While this textual exegesis is by no means conclusive, it suggests that 'the people' protected by the Fourth Amendment, and by the First and Second Amendments, and to whom rights and powers are reserved in the Ninth and Tenth Amendments, refers to a class of persons who are part of a national

community or who have otherwise developed sufficient connection with this country to be considered part of that community." 494 U.S. 259, 265 (1990) (emphasis added).

The Court has thus made clear that the "term of art" "the people" has the same meaning in the First, Second, Fourth, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments. And it is beyond peradventure that the right of "the people" in the First and Fourth Amendments is an individual, personal right rather than a "collective" right or a right protected only in connection with service to the government. See, e.g., *Thornhill v. Alabama*, 310 U.S. 88, 95 (1940) ("The freedom of speech . . . which [is] secured by the First Amendment against abridgment by the United States, [is] among the fundamental personal rights and liberties which are secured to all persons by the Fourteenth Amendment against abridgment by a state."); *Minnesota v. Carter*, 525 U.S. 83, 88 (1998) (holding that the Fourth Amendment is a personal right that must be invoked by an individual).

The District's assertion that the Second Amendment's right of "the people" merely ensures a collective right "to prevent Congress, using its powers under the Militia Clauses, from disarming state militias," Petitioners' Br. 35, is fundamentally inconsistent with the rest of the Bill of Rights. If the phrase "the people" is interpreted consistently—as the Court has instructed—the District's construction of the phrase results in an implausible framework for our constitutional rights. For example, the First Amendment preserves "the right of the people peaceably to assemble." U.S. CONST. amend. I. The District's construction implies that no individual could sue in court for an abridgment of his or her right to

assemble because that right is reserved only to "the people" acting collectively. Likewise, the Fourth Amendment preserves "the right of the people" to be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. U.S. CONST. amend. IV. The District's construction implies that no individual has a right enforceable in court to be free from unreasonable search and seizure, because only "the people" as a collective may enforce such rights. That, of course, is not the law.

Alternatively, if the District's "collective" construction of "the people" is somehow to be cabined only to the Second Amendment, the Court must conclude that when Congress sent the Bill of Rights to the States, Congress first listed four individual rights (in the First Amendment), then created a State's "right" (in the Second Amendment), and then reverted to a litany of individual rights (in Amendments Three through Eight). The Court must further conclude that, while Congress used "the people" to refer to individual rights in the First, Fourth, and Ninth Amendments, Congress used "the people" to mean "state governments" in the Second Amendment. Finally, for the Court to find that Congress used "the people" in the Second Amendment to mean "the States," it would have to somehow reconcile that with the Tenth Amendment's language, where Congress explicitly distinguished "the people" from "the States," reserving powers "to the States respectively, or to the people."

Moreover, the concept of a collective "right" or a State's "right" is contrary to the Constitution's structure and language; in the Hohfeldian taxonomy, States have powers, not rights. Rights are reserved to individuals; as Mill explained, "[t]o have a right . . . is . . . to have something which society ought to defend me in the

possession of." JOHN STUART MILL, UTILITARIANISM 80 (Longman, Green, Longman, Roberts, and Green 1864) (1861).

Put simply, the words "the right of the people" cannot fairly be read to mean a collective power of the Militia. Rather, the Second Amendment's text means what it says: the individual right of the people to keep and bear arms cannot be infringed.

2. The District misinterprets the meaning of "keep" and "bear Arms."

The District's interpretation of the Second Amendment necessarily, and mistakenly, requires that the words "bear Arms" have only a military connotation, and that the words "keep" and "bear" arms in the Second Amendment be construed together as a unitary phrase relating only to maintaining arms for military service. See Petitioners' Br. 12-17. This construction of the Amendment is not supported by its text or history.

The first problem with the District's interpretation of "keep and bear Arms" is that it effectively ignores the word "keep." *Id.* Indeed, the District suggests that "keep" has no independent meaning, and was inserted merely to bolster the militia's ability to bear arms. *Id.*, at 16-17. But courts cannot ignore words or phrases in the Constitution. "In expounding the Constitution of the United States, every word must have its due force, and appropriate meaning; for it is evident from the whole instrument, that no word was unnecessarily used, or needlessly added." *Richfield Oil Corp. v. State Bd. of Equalization*, 329 U.S. 69, 77-78 (1946) (internal quotation marks omitted). And to "keep" arms is to possess or own arms, as is

demonstrated by the contemporary dictionary definition of "keep":

"1. To hold; to retain in one's power or possession; not to lose or part with; as, to keep a house or a farm; to keep any thing in the memory, mind or heart; 2. To have in custody for security or preservation." WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY (1828); *see also* SAMUEL JOHNSON, A DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (4th ed. 1770).

The Court should give effect, as did the court of appeals, to each word of the Amendment. Pet. App. 27a ("['K]eep' is a straightforward term that implies ownership or possession of a functioning weapon by an individual for private use.").

The District's assertion that "bear Arms" refers only to militia service is likewise misguided. Although this phrase may be used to describe the carrying or wearing of arms by a soldier or member of the militia, it is not used exclusively to refer to the military. Indeed, the Framers understood "bearing" arms to include the carrying of weapons generally—as may be seen directly in a bill drafted by Thomas Jefferson and proposed to the Virginia Legislature by James Madison (the author of the Second Amendment) on October 31, 1785. Madison's bill would have imposed penalties upon one who violated hunting laws if he were to "*bear* a gun out of his [the violator's] inclosed ground, unless whilst performing military duty." 2 THE PAPERS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON, 443-44 (J.P. Boyd ed., 1950) (emphasis added). In fact, as Judge Kleinfeld noted in his dissenting opinion in *Silveira*, "the primary meaning of 'bear' is 'to carry,' as when we arrive at our

host's home 'bearing gifts' and arrive at the airport 'bearing burdens.'" *Silveira v. Lockyer*, 328 F.3d 567, 572-73 (9th Cir. 2003) (Kleinfeld, J., dissenting) (footnote omitted).

This common-sense view of the phrase "bear Arms" is also reflected in Justice Ginsburg's dissenting opinion, joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justices Scalia and Souter, in *Muscarello v. United States*, 524 U.S. 125, 143 (1998):

"Surely a most familiar meaning [of carrying a firearm] is, as the Constitution's Second Amendment ('keep and *bear* Arms') (emphasis added) and Black's Law Dictionary, at 214, indicate: 'wear, bear, or carry . . . upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose . . . of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person.'"

Nothing in the Second Amendment's text limits the words "bear Arms" to an exclusively military connotation; instead it affords an individual right to "the people" to "wear, bear, or carry" arms, regardless of whether they are engaged in military activity connected with a state militia.

3. The Second Amendment's introductory clause does not convert an individual right into a "collective" or "quasi-collective" right.

The District's "quasi-collective right" position is driven largely by its conclusion that the Second Amendment's operative clause, conferring the right to

"keep and bear Arms," is defined and impliedly narrowed by the Amendment's introductory clause referencing a "well regulated Militia." Petitioners' Br. 12-18. But, although a preamble may inform, influence, or shape the operational clause, it cannot compel a result contrary to its meaning. See Eugene Volokh, *The Commonplace Second Amendment*, 73 N.Y.U. L. REV. 793, 807 (1998). And, in any event, the Second Amendment's preamble is entirely consistent with the individual right mandated by the operational clause.

To be sure, the introductory clause implies that a principal purpose of the right to bear arms is to promote the existence and effectiveness of a "well-regulated Militia." But nothing compels the conclusion that this is the Amendment's only purpose.

With respect to other rights recognized by the Constitution, the Court has already held that similar preambulatory purposes do not limit the effect of the clauses' operational language. For example, in *Eldred v. Ashcroft*, 537 U.S. 186 (2003), the Court addressed a similar proposed construction of the preambulatory language in the Copyright Clause, which reads "[T]he Congress shall have the power . . . [t]o promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries." U.S. CONST. art. I, §8, cl. 8. The Court concluded that Congress's power to secure exclusive rights to authors and inventors is not limited by the prefatory purpose to "promote the progress of science and useful arts." 537 U.S., at 210-211. Although promoting science and the arts may have been the Framers' chief purpose in conveying sweeping copyright powers to Congress, other purposes existed as well. *Id.*, at

212. If the Copyright Clause's preamble, *which expressly conditions* its operational language through use of the phrase "by securing," imposes no limitation on the Clause's scope, then neither does the Second Amendment's preamble, which is not so expressly limited. Volokh, *supra*, at 807-13.

And, even if the District were correct that the Second Amendment's prefatory clause defined the scope of the right conferred in the operational clause, the District's further conclusion—that the words "a well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State" means the Amendment was adopted for the sole purpose of ensuring the effectiveness of state militias—is erroneous. The Amendment's text and history contradict this narrow reading of "Militia."

The Framers' understanding of "Militia" is reflected in a question asked by George Mason, one of the Virginians who refused to sign the Constitution because of its lack of a Bill of Rights: "Who are the Militia? They consist now of the whole people." 3 J. ELLIOTT, *DEBATES IN THE GENERAL STATE CONVENTIONS* 425 (3d ed. 1937) (statement of George Mason, June 14, 1788). This understanding, contrary to the District's position, see Petitioners' Br. 18, is also reflected in the language of both the Virginia and North Carolina ratifying conventions—which spoke of "a well regulated militia composed of the body of the people." *RATIFICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF SEVEN STATE CONVENTIONS* (1788), reprinted in 2 *DEBATE ON THE CONSTITUTION* 561, 568 (Bernard Bailyn ed., 1993). James Madison articulated the same view of the term "militia" in Federalist No. 46, arguing that Congress's power under the proposed Constitution "[t]o raise and support armies" (art. I, §8, cl.

12) posed no threat to liberty because any such army, if misused, "would be opposed [by] a militia amounting to near half a million of citizens with arms in their hands." *THE FEDERALIST* NO. 46, at 334 (James Madison) (Benjamin Wright ed., 1961).

The District's narrow interpretation of "Militia" to include only some select body of permanent soldiers is also belied by the provisions of the Militia Act, enacted by the Second Congress the year after the Second Amendment's ratification. The Militia Act expressly defined the militia as "each and every free able-bodied white male citizen of the respective states, resident therein, who is or shall be of the age of eighteen years, and under the age of forty-five years." Militia Act, ch. XXXIII, 1 Stat. 271, 271 (1792).² Thus, the "Militia" contemplated by the Framers was not limited to those enrolled in some type of state or local militia organization. Under statute and contemporary understanding, the militia was all able-bodied male citizens from eighteen to forty-five, whether they were organized into a state-sponsored fighting force or not. See *Silveira*, 328 F.3d at 578-80 (Kleinfeld, J., dissenting).

The Framers were understandably wary of standing armies and the powers of a potentially oppressive government. Therefore, the individual right to bear arms ensures a ready "Militia" consisting of each and every able-bodied male between the ages of eighteen to forty-five. The introductory clause, properly understood, confirms the primary benefit of the operational clause—a

2. Indeed, the Militia Act not only permitted gun ownership by every able-bodied man, it *required* it—obliging by law each man to "provide himself with a good musket or firelock . . . or with a good rifle." Militia Act, 1 Stat., at 271 (emphasis added).

citizenry capable of defending its rights by force, when all other means have failed, against any future oppression.

B. The Court's Precedent Supports the Principle That the Second Amendment Guarantees an Individual Right.

The Court's decision in *Miller* buttresses the principle that the Second Amendment's text and history establish its protection of the rights of individuals to keep and bear arms. In *Miller*, the Court considered a Second Amendment challenge as applied to a sawed-off shotgun:

"In the absence of any evidence tending to show that possession or use of a 'shotgun having a barrel of less than eighteen inches in length' at this time has some reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia, we cannot say that the Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear such an instrument. Certainly it is not within judicial notice that this weapon is any part of the ordinary military equipment or that its use could contribute to the common defense." 307 U.S., at 178.

Miller is less than a model of clarity, but a fair reading of that opinion confirms that the Second Amendment protects individual rights. If the Second Amendment protected only the right to bear arms in a militia, the Court could easily have disposed of the case merely by observing that Miller was not a member of any

state militia. Thus, with one sentence, the case could have been resolved.³

Instead, the Court based its ruling on the lack of judicial notice that a short-barreled shotgun, a weapon typically used by gangsters in the 1930s and associated with criminal activity, was the type of weapon that contributed to "the common defense." *Id.* The Court's decision implicitly acknowledged that the possession by individual Americans of weapons that could be part of the "ordinary military equipment" contributing to the common defense—as opposed to criminal activity—is protected by the Second Amendment.

The Court's conclusions in *Miller* also suggest an understanding that the Framers envisioned a militia composed of the entire people—possessed of their individually owned arms—as necessary for the protection of a free State. The Court expressly observed that, in the Framers' time, the militia "comprised all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense [O]rdinarily when called for service *these men were expected to appear bearing arms supplied by themselves* and of a kind in common use at the time." *Id.*, at 179 (emphasis added).

Later opinions of the Court also support the individual-right view, albeit in *dicta*. In *Johnson v. Eisentrager*, 339 U.S. 763 (1950), the Court rejected a claim that the Fifth Amendment's criminal-procedure protections applied to nonresident enemy aliens by

3. Indeed, the United States raised the collective rights argument in its brief as its very first argument, Pet. App. 40a, and, notably, the Court declined to rule on that basis.

explaining that a contrary view would, *inter alia*, require the application of "companion civil-rights Amendments" in the Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment. *Id.*, at 784.

In *Konigsberg v. State Bar of Cal.*, 366 U.S. 36 (1961), the Court, citing *Miller*, again equated the Second Amendment right with rights secured by the First Amendment. *Id.*, at 49 n.10. More recent cases have also assumed an individual right in *dicta* by listing the Second Amendment right among the personal rights composing the "liberty" that the Constitution's due-process provisions protect. See *Planned Parenthood of Se. Pa. v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833, 847 (1992); *Moore v. City of East Cleveland*, 431 U.S. 494, 502 (1977) (plurality op.).

Likewise, in *Robertson v. Baldwin*, 165 U.S. 275, 281-82 (1897), the Court observed,

"The law is perfectly well settled that the first 10 amendments to the constitution, commonly known as the 'Bill of Rights,' were not intended to lay down any novel principles of government, but simply to embody certain guaranties and immunities which we had inherited from our English ancestors, and which had, from time immemorial, been subject to certain well-recognized exceptions, arising from the necessities of the case. . . . Thus, the freedom of speech and of the press (article 1) does not permit the publication of libels . . . [and] the right of the people to keep and bear arms (article 2) is not infringed by laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons" (Emphasis added)

Repeatedly, the Court has described the Second Amendment, consistent with the analysis in *Miller*, as an individual right—like the others in the Bill of Rights and subject to similar restrictions.

C. The Weight of Scholarly Commentary Also Supports the Conclusion That the Second Amendment Guarantees an Individual Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

As Justice Thomas has written, “a growing body of scholarly commentary indicates that the ‘right to keep and bear arms’ is, as the Amendment’s text suggests, a personal right.”⁴ The unmistakable trend among constitutional scholars is towards recognizing that the Second Amendment confers a personal, individual right. For example, although arguing for a narrow construction of the Amendment, Professor Laurence Tribe has squarely concluded that the Second Amendment provides a “right (admittedly of uncertain scope) on the part of individuals to possess and use firearms in the defense of themselves and their homes.” 1 LAURENCE H. TRIBE, *AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW* 902 n.221 (3d ed. 2000). Professors

4. *Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898, 938 n.2 (1997) (Thomas, J., concurring) (citing, *inter alia*, JOYCE L. MALCOLM, *TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS: THE ORIGINS OF AN ANGLO-AMERICAN RIGHT* 162 (1994); STEPHEN HALBROOK, *THAT EVERY MAN BE ARMED, THE EVOLUTION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT* (1984); William Van Alstyne, *The Second Amendment and the Personal Right to Arms*, 43 DUKE L. J. 1236 (1994); Akhil R. Amar, *The Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment*, 101 YALE L.J. 1193 (1992); Sanford Levinson, *The Embarrassing Second Amendment*, 99 YALE L.J. 637 (1989)).

Sanford Levinson and Akhil Amar in large part agree.⁵ Professor Nelson Lund maintains that the Amendment confers an individual right to keep and bear arms, and thereby helps to protect "the most fundamental individual right, the right of self-defense." Nelson Lund, *The Second Amendment, Political Liberty, and the Right to Self-Preservation*, 39 ALA. L. REV. 103, 130 (1987). Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm has found that the Amendment's historical lineage favors the interpretation that it guarantees an individual right to arms. See, generally, MALCOLM, *supra*.

The individual-rights view is now also the position of the United States. See U.S. Br. 10-19; Memorandum from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, to All United States Attorneys (Nov. 9, 2001), available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/osg/briefs/2001/0responses/2001-8780.resp.pdf> (discussing *United States v. Emerson*). Indeed, the Office of Legal Counsel has issued an exhaustive opinion for the Attorney General concluding that "[t]he Second Amendment secures a right of individuals generally, not a right of States or a right restricted to persons serving in militias." STEVEN G. BRADBURY ET AL., U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, MEMORANDUM OPINION FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: WHETHER THE SECOND AMENDMENT SECURES INDIVIDUAL RIGHT 1 (2004), available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/olc/secondamendment2.pdf>.

Contemporaries of the first Congress and nineteenth-century constitutional scholars also agreed that the Second Amendment confers an individual right.

5. See Amar, *supra*; Levinson, *supra*.

When St. George Tucker published his five-volume edition of Blackstone's Commentaries in 1803, he observed that "[w]herever standing armies are kept up, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms is, under any color or pretext whatsoever, prohibited, liberty, if not already annihilated, is on the brink of destruction." WILLIAM BLACKSTONE, 1 COMMENTARIES 300 (St. George Tucker ed., Augustus M. Kelley 1969) (1803). He further pointedly criticized the English Bill of Rights for limiting its guarantee of arms ownership to Protestants, while the American right was "without any qualification as to their condition or degree, as is the case in the British government." *Id.* at 143.

Thomas Cooley directly addressed the issue of the scope of the Amendment's guarantee: "It might be supposed from the phraseology of [the Second Amendment] that the right to keep and bear arms was only guaranteed to the militia; *but this would be an interpretation not warranted by the intent . . .* [T]he meaning of the [amendment] undoubtedly is, that the people, from whom the militia must be taken, shall have the right to keep and bear arms; and they need no permission or regulation of law for the purpose." THOMAS M. COOLEY, THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 270-72 (Rothman & Co. 1981) (1880) (emphasis added). Justice Joseph Story similarly concluded that the "right of the citizens to keep, and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of the republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist, and triumph over them." JOSEPH STORY, COMMENTARIES

ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES 708-09
(Carolina Academic Press 1987) (1833).

These contemporary scholars understood that the Second Amendment guaranteed each American the right to "keep" and "bear" arms as the foundation of the militia that would provide security for a "free" State. If the people were disarmed there could be no militia (well-regulated or otherwise) as understood by the Framers.

**D. The Second Amendment's History
Demonstrates That It Guarantees an
Individual Right to Arms.**

The historical context of the Second Amendment also supports the court of appeals's conclusion that it guarantees an individual right to arms. When the Amendment was adopted, the drafters undoubtedly looked to the provisions in many of the state constitutions as models. Volokh, *supra*, at 814-21. At that time, almost half of the States with bills of rights included provisions recognizing that right. Nelson Lund, *The Past and Future of the Individual's Right to Arms*, 31 GA. L. REV. 1, 54 (1996).

The Framers were also guided by the evolution of individual rights in England. As the Court has stated, "[t]he historical necessities and events of the English constitutional experience . . . were familiar to" the Framers and should "inform our understanding of the purpose and meaning of constitutional provisions." *Loving v. United States*, 517 U.S. 748, 766 (1996).

The English Declaration of Rights of 1689 came approximately a century before our own. It provided that "the subjects which are protestants, may have arms for their defence suitable to their conditions, and as allowed

by law." 1 W. & M., 2d sess., c. 2, Dec. 16, 1689 (quoted in 5 THE FOUNDERS CONSTITUTION 210 (Philip B. Kurland & Ralph Lerner eds., 1987)). The right of the English Monarch's "subjects" to have arms is by its terms an individual one, and it was so understood by William Blackstone, who provided the standard reference work for Colonial and early American lawyers.

Blackstone explained that the right of "having" arms is among the five basic rights of every Englishman, which were essential to secure the "primary rights" of each individual. WILLIAM BLACKSTONE, 1 COMMENTARIES 136, 139 (Legal Classics Library 1983) (1765). Blackstone saw the right to bear arms as a natural right because it arose from the natural right of self-preservation and the right of "resistance . . . to the violence of oppression." *Id.*, at 139. Blackstone's conception of the individual right to bear arms as protection against oppression would have been particularly relevant to the Framers, who had themselves just taken part in a bloody struggle against the oppression of the English Crown.

Thus, the Framers' own experience informed their understanding of the "right of the people to keep and bear Arms," and the fundamental relationship of this right to "the security of a free State." The Framers recognized that the best security against an oppressive regime was a free citizenry capable of defending its rights. As Alexander Hamilton explained,

"if circumstances should at any time oblige the government to form an army of any magnitude that army can never be formidable to the liberties of the people while there is a large body of citizens, little, if at

all inferior to them in discipline and the use of arms, who stand ready to defend their own rights and those of their fellow-citizens." THE FEDERALIST No. 29, at 229 (Alexander Hamilton) (Benjamin Wright ed., 1961).

The Second Amendment answered the potential threat of a standing army with the guarantee that individual citizens could not be disarmed. The Framers saw that individual right as an essential bulwark of the people's liberties. This Court should as well, and should affirm the judgment of the court of appeals.⁶

6. Although the Court need not reach the issue of incorporation in this case, amici States submit that the right to keep and bear arms is fundamental and so is properly subject to incorporation. To be sure, early decisions of this Court cast doubt on Second Amendment incorporation, see *United States v. Cruikshank*, 92 U.S. 542, 553 (1875); *Presser v. Illinois*, 116 U.S. 252, 264-65 (1886), but those opinions predated the Court's broad-based incorporation of the Bill of Rights against the States. See *Duncan v. Louisiana*, 391 U.S. 145, 148 (1968). In the judgment of amici States, the right to keep and bear arms is "so rooted in the traditions and conscience of our people as to be ranked as fundamental." *Palko v. Connecticut*, 302 U.S. 319, 325 (1937) (citations and internal quotation marks omitted), overruled on other grounds, *Benton v. Maryland*, 395 U.S. 784 (1969). Authors of the Fourteenth Amendment concurred. See Van Alstyne, *supra* note 4, at 1252 (noting that in reporting the Fourteenth Amendment to the Senate, Senator Howard of Michigan described the right to keep and bear arms as among the Constitution's "great fundamental guarantees" (internal quotation marks omitted)).

A fortiori the Second Amendment applies to the District of Columbia. See *District of Columbia v. John R. Thompson Co.*, 346 U.S. 100, 109 (1953) (finding "no constitutional barrier to the delegation by Congress to the District of Columbia of full legislative power subject of course to constitutional limitations to which all lawmaking is subservient" (emphasis added)). The District's only

II. THE COURT OF APPEALS CORRECTLY HELD THAT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FIREARMS REGULATIONS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

This case concerns three ordinances that together effectively prohibit the private possession in one's home of any operative firearms. In an attempt to narrow the issues before the Court, the District tried to frame the question presented as concerning only its ordinance banning the private possession of handguns. Pet. i, 7 n.2.

Tellingly, the District urged that "broadening the question to address the effect of Section 7-2507.02 [the trigger-lock provision] would needlessly complicate the case." Pet. Reply 6.

The Court rejected that attempt, and instead reframed the question presented to consider the collective effect of *all three* challenged provisions of the D.C. Code, §§ 7-2502(a)(4), 22-4504(a), and 7-2507.02. *Dist. of Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S.Ct. 645 (2007) (mem.).

Because the District's citizens cannot selectively abide by portions of its firearms prohibitions, but rather must comply with *all* of those prohibitions or face criminal penalties,⁷ evaluating whether these statutes are constitutionally valid necessarily involves consideration of how they act together to restrict the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Cf. *Randall v. Sorrell*, 548 U.S. 230 (2006) (plurality op.) (concluding that a State's campaign

argument to the contrary—that D.C. is not a State whose militia is the object of the Amendment—is premised on it erroneous theory that the Second Amendment protects only collective, not individual, rights.

7. See D.C. CODE §§ 7-2507.06; 22-4515.

contribution limits, taken together, unconstitutionally restricted a candidate's First Amendment rights); *Williams v. Rhodes*, 393 U.S. 23, 34 (1968) (concluding that "the totality of the Ohio restrictive laws taken as a whole impose[] a burden on voting and associational rights which we hold is an invidious discrimination, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause").

The D.C. Code provisions at issue operate together as a unitary statutory scheme. D.C. Code §7-2502.02(a)(4) prohibits the registration of a pistol not registered in the District prior to 1976. Section 22-4504 separately restricts the carrying of a pistol, and is challenged in this case to the extent it bans individuals from moving lawfully registered handguns within their own homes, Pet. App. 54a. Finally, §7-2507.02 provides in relevant part that a registered firearm must be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock or similar device."

Together, these provisions prohibit Mr. Heller from ever possessing, in his home, an operable firearm. In an attempt to temper the absolute nature of that bar, the District now contends that §7-2507.02 must be read to include an implied exception for self defense, even though the text of that provision contains not a word to that effect. Petitioners' Br. 56. Instead, the text is mandatory ("each registrant *shall* keep any firearm in his possession unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock or similar device") and on its face contains no such exception.⁸

8. Petitioners expressly acknowledge that, absent the *ad hoc* exception that they would like to engraft onto the plain text—"the law would be unreasonable." Petitioners' Br. 56.

In making that argument, Petitioners point to no precedent supporting the notion that an individual must risk criminal prosecution under a statute categorically restricting his or her constitutional rights, in the hope that a court might subsequently alter the text to protect those rights in some limited circumstances. And *amici* States are aware of none.

Thus, the only fair reading of these ordinances' plain text is that together they operate as a sweeping prohibition on any effective exercise of the right to keep and bear arms in the District of Columbia.

A. The Court of Appeals's Decision Should Be Affirmed Because Statutes Effectively Prohibiting Any Citizen From Keeping and Bearing "Arms" Are Unconstitutional.

The court of appeals recognized that the individual right to keep and bear arms is not an absolute right immune from restriction. Pet. App. 51a. Rather, the court noted that the right to keep and bear arms, which pre-existed and was preserved by the Second Amendment, has traditionally been subject to "the sort of reasonable regulations contemplated by the drafters of the Second Amendment." *Id.* The court correctly concluded, however, that because the District's ordinances categorically prohibit the possession of functional firearms in private homes, they are unreasonable and unconstitutional.

1. The D.C. Code provisions concern "Arms" protected under the Second Amendment.

In evaluating the validity of the District's firearms prohibitions, the court of appeals adopted a two-part

test—drawn in part from this Court's opinion in *Miller*—that considered first whether the District's ordinances affected "Arms" protected under the Second Amendment. If the District's regulations affected only weapons that are not "Arms," they could not run afoul of the Amendment's protections. *See id.*, at 48a-51a, 53a-55a. If, on the other hand, the regulations in question did affect "Arms," the court would then move to the second part of the test: whether the regulations are "reasonable." *See id.*, at 51a-55a.

In determining whether the regulations affected "Arms" protected by the Second Amendment, the court of appeals followed the test set forth by this Court in *Miller*, under which a weapon is an "Arm[]" if it: (1) bears a "reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia;" and (2) is "of the kind in common use at the time." *Id.*, at 48-49a (quoting *Miller*, 307 U.S., at 178-79). The court properly concluded that the handguns and long guns subject to the District's prohibitions meet both prongs of the *Miller* test and are therefore protected under the Amendment. *Id.*, at 51a.

As the court explained, "[t]he modern handgun—and for that matter the rifle and long-barreled shotgun—is undoubtedly quite improved over its colonial-era predecessor, but it is, after all, a lineal descendant of that founding-era weapon, and it passes *Miller*'s standards." *Id.* In this regard, the court noted, just as the First Amendment protects "modern communications devices unknown to the founding generation," the Second Amendment likewise protects the "modern-day equivalents" of colonial-era weapons. *Id.* Thus, while the court's test would properly include weapons such as rifles

and handguns as protected "Arms" under the Amendment, a cannon, for example, would not be a protected "Arm" because it is not in common use by American citizens. See Pet. App. 50a-51a.

2. The court of appeals correctly concluded that the District's statutes are unconstitutional.

Having concluded that the District's restrictions implicated "Arms" protected under the Second Amendment, the court moved to the second part of its test and considered whether the District's statutes are "reasonable regulations." *Id.* at 51-52a. The court observed that, "[t]he protections of the Second Amendment are subject to the same sort of reasonable restrictions that have been recognized as limiting, for instance, the First Amendment." *Id.* at 51a. The court specifically analogized to "reasonable restrictions on the time, place, or manner of protected speech." *Id.* (quoting *Ward v. Rock Against Racism*, 491 U.S. 781, 791 (1989)), as the type of regulations that, in the Second Amendment context, could permissibly restrict the right to keep and bear arms. *Id.* Under the Court's First Amendment precedent, of course, this type of restriction must be "narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest," and must "leave open ample alternative channels for communication of the information." *Ward*, 491 U.S., at 791 (internal quotation marks omitted).

Applying these principles, the court of appeals correctly recognized that the District's statutes, which effectively forbid citizens from possessing handguns or operable long guns in their homes, are not really "regulations" of the right to keep and bear arms. See Pet.

App. 53a. Rather, these statutes form a categorical "prohibition, of . . . 'arms' which the people are entitled to bear." *Id.* (quoting *State v. Kerner*, 107 S.E. 222, 225 (N.C. 1921)). Accordingly, the court appropriately concluded that because these statutes essentially deprive all the District's citizens of their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, the statutes are not "reasonable regulations," but rather facially unreasonable prohibitions. *See id.* But even if characterized as "regulations"—rather than outright prohibitions—the D.C. Code provisions are nonetheless unreasonable under *Ward*. The District justifies these statutes on the ground that they can be expected to "reduce crime, suicide, domestic violence, and accidental shootings." Petitioners' Br. 11. But although these asserted governmental interests are surely significant, its categorical ban on handguns—the most ubiquitous class of "arm" kept by citizens⁹—and on the possession of all operable long guns in the homes of anyone in the District, can hardly be described as a "narrowly tailored" statutory structure to serve those interests. Rather, these sweeping prohibitions leave no "ample alternatives" for the District's citizens to exercise their rights under the Second Amendment. *Cf. Ward*, 491 U.S., at 791.¹⁰

9. As the court of appeals observed, pistols are "the most preferred firearm in the nation to 'keep' and use for protection of one's home and family." Pet. App. 53-54a (citing Gary Kleck & Marc Gertz, *Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense with a Gun*, 86 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 150, 182-83 (1995)).

10. Even if the trigger-lock provision of §7-2507.02 were not considered, *amici* States submit that the District's categorical ban on all handguns in essentially all circumstances is facially unreasonable.

B. The Court of Appeals's Decision Should Be Affirmed Because the District's Firearms Prohibitions Also Cannot Withstand Scrutiny Under the Standard of Review Recommended by the United States.

The United States has advocated a standard of review that it believes is different from that applied by the court of appeals. U.S. Br. 23-24 & n.6. The United States therefore recommends that the Court should vacate and remand the case for further review under the United States's recommended "intermediate" level of review. *Id.* at 28, 32.

The United States's position cannot bear scrutiny. Regardless of what test is applied—the court of appeals's, the United States's, or some other—the District's categorical ban on all operable firearms cannot survive. Thus, a remand would serve no purpose.¹¹

11. In *Casey*, 505 U.S., at 878-79, the Court adopted a new test for determining the constitutionality of restrictions on abortion—the undue burden standard—but rather than remanding, the Court applied the new standard to the provisions at issue. Similarly, in *McCleskey v. Zant*, 499 U.S. 467, 502-03 (1991), the Court adopted the cause and prejudice standard for abuse of writ and affirmed the court of appeals's judgment under its newly-adopted standard.

As Justice Stevens has explained, "[a]ppellate courts in general and this Court in particular have, after correcting an erroneous interpretation of law, appl[ie]d the proper legal standard to undisputed facts of record—whether or not such facts have been memorialized in formal findings by 'the original finder of fact.'" *Icicle Seafoods, Inc. v. Worthington*, 475 U.S. 709, 716 (1986) (Stevens, J. dissenting). Among other things, "[t]his practice . . . allows appellate courts to give guidance to trial courts by illustrating the proper

The United States begins with the proposition that the Second Amendment “allows for reasonable regulation of firearms, must be interpreted in light of context and history, and is subject to important exceptions, such as the rule that convicted felons may be denied firearms.” U.S. Br. 8. The court of appeals’s decision is consistent with these principles. *See supra* Part II.A.

The United States goes on, however, to set forth a different, “heightened” standard of review for regulations that “directly limit[] the private possession of ‘Arms’ in a way that has no grounding in Framing-era practice.” U.S. Br. 8. The United States acknowledges that the District’s statutes directly limit “Arms” protected by the Second Amendment and have no grounding in “Framing-era practice.” *Id.* According to the United States, this type of regulation is therefore subject to an “intermediate level of review,” under which “the ‘rigorousness’ of the inquiry depends on the degree of the burden on protected conduct.” *Id.* Thus, under the United States’s test, the greater the scope of the prohibition and its impact on private firearm possession, the more difficult it will be to defend under the Second Amendment. U.S. Br. 27.

The United States’s standard is derived from First Amendment election-law decisions that likewise instruct that the greater the restriction, the more exacting the scrutiny must be. *See* U.S. Br. 24 & n.6 (citing *McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Comm’n*, 514 U.S. 334 (1995); *Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351 (1997); and *Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428 (1992)). The United States gives no reason why these election cases should

application of a new legal standard in a particular case.” *Id.*

provide the appropriate Second Amendment standard of review, but, if they were extended to do so, the District's ordinances would not survive.

Indeed, under these cases, the District's sweeping prohibitions would likely be reviewed under strict scrutiny—a far more demanding standard than the “reasonableness” standard applied by the court of appeals. “Regulations imposing severe burdens on plaintiffs’ rights must be narrowly tailored and advance a compelling state interest.” *Timmons*, 520 U.S., at 358; *Burdick*, 504 U.S., at 433; *McIntyre*, 514 U.S., at 347.¹²

And, by any measure, the District's categorical ban on possessing any operable firearms in his home must be viewed as a “severe burden” on Mr. Heller's Second Amendment rights. Thus, strict scrutiny would apply, which the District ordinances would necessarily fail.

Even if the Court did not apply strict scrutiny, the District's statutes would also fail the (presumably alternative) less restrictive test set forth in the United States's brief. U.S. Br. 8. This test would evaluate the validity of the District's firearms prohibitions under the following standard: “(a) the practical impact of the challenged restriction on the plaintiff's ability to possess firearms for lawful purposes (which depends in turn on the nature and functional adequacy of available alternatives), and (b) the strength of the government's interest in

12. In *McIntyre*—the case that the United States says best demonstrates the distinction between its proposed standard and that of the court of appeals, U.S. Br. 24 n.6—the Court applied strict scrutiny and struck down an Ohio electioneering law that prohibited the distribution of anonymous political documents. 514 U.S., at 344.

enforcement of the relevant restriction." *Id.* Even assuming the important governmental interests articulated by the District, its firearms prohibitions cannot meet part (a) of the United States's test—which strongly resembles the "ample alternative channels for communication" standard set forth in *Ward*, 491 U.S., at 791—because the District's prohibitions effectively leave its citizens with no alternatives regarding the possession of functional firearms in their homes for self-defense. Thus, even applying the test(s) suggested by the United States, the District's statutory scheme remains facially unconstitutional.

C. The Unreasonableness of the District's Statutory Scheme Is Further Evidenced by the Fact That It Runs Counter to the Regulatory Approach of All Fifty States.

To the extent the Court looks beyond the standard adopted by the court of appeals or those suggested by the United States, the unreasonable nature of the D.C. Code provisions is also evident when compared to the statutory approach of the fifty States.

The Legislatures of all fifty States are united in their rejection of bans on private handgun ownership. Every State in the Union permits private citizens to own handguns.¹³ Forty-five States go further, allowing private citizens to carry concealed handguns for self-defense.¹⁴ Thus, the District's sweeping firearm prohibitions are not only contrary to the Constitution, but also contrary to the

13. See APPENDIX.

14. See APPENDIX.

reasoned judgment of every state legislature in the Nation.

Indeed, for that reason, this diverse coalition of 31 *amici* States is of one accord that—under any standard—the District of Columbia's categorical ban cannot be sustained.

III. NONE OF THE FEDERAL FIREARMS REGULATIONS DISCUSSED IN THE UNITED STATES'S BRIEF IS JEOPARDIZED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS'S DECISION.

The United States asserts that application of the court of appeals's standard would jeopardize the validity of a variety of federal firearms regulations. See U.S. Br. 21-22, 25-27. This concern is misplaced.

The federal firearms regulations that the United States suggests may be vulnerable fall into four categories: (1) restrictions on the *type* of firearms that may be possessed, (2) restriction on *who* may possess firearms, (3) restrictions on *where* firearms may be possessed, and (4) economic restrictions on the import, export, and exchange of firearms. See U.S. Br. 21-22, 25-27.

In regard to the first category, the United States notes that federal law generally prohibits the possession of both machine guns and firearms that are undetectable by metal detectors and x-ray machines. U.S. Br. 2 (citing 18 U.S.C. §922(o) (machine guns), (p) (undetectable firearms)). But neither of these regulations is impliedly invalidated by the court of appeals's decision.

A court would likely conclude that machine guns and undetectable firearms do not constitute "Arms" under the Second Amendment. Even if these weapons could be

described as bearing a reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia, they could not be accurately categorized as the kinds of weapons that are currently in "common use" by American citizens. See Pet. App. 49a. And even if these weapons were considered "Arms," the federal laws would likely survive under the reasonableness standard because the regulations target a particularly dangerous feature of specific firearms and do not inhibit the core functionality of the general class of firearms.

Second, the United States focuses on federal regulations addressing particular individuals who may not possess firearms. U.S. Br. 25-26. Specifically, federal law prohibits possession of firearms by, *inter alia*, convicted felons, fugitives from justice, illegal drug users, mentally ill persons, illegal aliens, and those who have been convicted of domestic violence. 18 U.S.C. §922(g). The United States's concerns are unfounded because, as the court of appeals recognized—consistent with centuries of common law—prohibiting firearm possession by people with particularly dangerous characteristics is presumptively reasonable and constitutionally valid. Pet. App. 52a; see also *Emerson*, 270 F.3d, at 264 (concluding that 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(8) is a reasonable regulation).

Third, the United States's fear of constitutional vulnerability concerning the federal restrictions on *where* a firearm may be possessed is equally unfounded. The federal laws cited by the United States that prohibit the private possession of firearms in certain places would not offend the Constitution under the standard articulated by the court of appeals. To the contrary, the court of appeals explicitly affirmed reasonable time, place, or manner

regulations of the right to keep and bear arms. Pet. App. 51-52a.

Finally, federal laws regulating the import, export, and transfer of firearms arise from Congress's power to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States," and have only an incidental effect on the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. As such, they would not be subject to heightened scrutiny.

Accordingly, there is no basis for the United States's concern that these laws may face invalidation under the court of appeals's decision. Indeed, it bears emphasis that *amici* States likewise have a strong interest in maintaining the many state laws prohibiting felons in possession, restricting machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, and the like. See Appendix.

But all 31 *amici* States agree that striking down the District of Columbia's categorical ban on *all* operative firearms would pose no threat to these reasonable regulations. Instead, this case is a threshold case: at issue is whether the Second Amendment has any modern meaning whatsoever. Remaining faithful to the Constitution, there should be only one answer.

CONCLUSION

The Court should affirm the judgment of the court of appeals.

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APPENDIX

**CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND
FIREARMS REGULATIONS BY STATES AND THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

STATE	REGISTRATION / CONCEALED CARRY REGULATIONS	CONST. RIGHT TO ARMS
Alabama	ALA. CODE §§ 13A- 11-50 to -85	ALA. CONST. art. I, § 26
Alaska	ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.65.700-.790	ALASKA CONST. art. I, § 19
Arizona	ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 13-3101 to - 3117	ARIZ. CONST. art. II, § 26
Arkansas	ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 5-73-301 to - 320	ARK. CONST. art. II, § 5
California	CAL. PENAL CODE §§ 12050-12054	
Colorado	COLO. REV. STAT. §§ 18-12-201 to - 216	COLO. CONST. art. II, § 13
Connecticut	CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 29-27 to -36L	CONN. CONST. art. I, § 15
Delaware	DEL. CODE ANN. tit., 11 §§ 1441-1459	DEL. CONST. art. I, § 20

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STATE	REGISTRATION & CONCEALED- CARRY REGULATIONS	CONST. RIGHT TO ARMS
District of Columbia	D.C. CODE ANN. §§ 22-4503 to -4514	
Florida	FLA. STAT. ANN. §§ 790.06-.331	FLA. CONST. art. I, § 8
Georgia	GA. CODE ANN. §§ 16-11-126 to -134	GA. CONST. art. I, § I, ¶ VIII
Hawaii	HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 134-3 to -17	HAW. CONST. art. I, § 1
Idaho	IDAHO CODE § 18- 3302	IDAHO. CONST. art. I, § 11
Illinois	430 ILL. COMP. STAT. 65/1 to /16	ILL. CONST. art. I, § 22
Indiana	IND. CODE §§ 35- 47-2-1 to -24	IND. CONST. art. I, § 32
Iowa	IA CODE §§ 724.1-.30	
Kansas	KAN. STAT. ANN. §§ 75-7c01 to -7c26	KAN. CONST., Bill of Rights, § 4

STATE	REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS	CONST. RIGHT FOUNDS
Kentucky	KY. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 237.110-142	KY. CONST. § 1(7)
Louisiana	LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 40:1379.3	LA. CONST. art. I, § 11
Maine	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 25, §§ 2001-A to 2006	ME. CONST. art. I, § 16
Maryland	MD. PUBLIC SAFETY CODE ANN. § 5-301 to -314	
Mass.	MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 140 §§ 129B, 131	MASS. CONST. pt. I, art. XVII
Michigan	MICH. STAT. ANN. §§ 28.421-435	MICH. CONST. art. I, § 6
Minnesota	MINN. STAT. ANN. § 624.714	
Mississippi	MISS. CODE ANN. § 45-9-101	MISS. CONST. art. III, § 12
Missouri	MO. REV. STAT. §§ 571.070, 571.121	MO. CONST. art. I, § 23

STATE	RELEVANT STATUTES	SHOOTING RIGHT PROVISIONS
Montana	MONT. CODE ANN. § 45-8-321 to -330	MONT. CONST. art. II, § 12
Nebraska	NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 69-2428 to -2447	NEB.. CONST. art. I, § 1
Nevada	NEV. REV. STAT. 202.3653-.369	NEV.. CONST. art. I, § 11, cl. 1
New Hampshire	N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 159:6	N.H.. CONST. pt. I, art. 2-a
New Jersey	N.J. REV. STAT. § 2C:58-4	
New Mexico	N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 29-19-1 to -14	N.M. CONST. art. 2, § 6
New York	N.Y. PENAL LAW §§ 400.00-.10	
North Carolina	N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 14-415.10 to .26	N.C. CONST. art. I, § 30
North Dakota	N.D. CENT. CODE §§ 62.1-04-01 to - 05	N.D.. CONST. art. I, § 1
Ohio	OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 2923.125 to .1213	OHIO CONST. art. I, § 4

STATE	REGISTRATION ACTS AND RECORDS	CONSTITUTION
Oklahoma	OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 21, §§ 1290.1- .26	OKLA. CONST. art. II, § 26
Oregon	OR. REV. STAT. §§ 166.291 to .297	OR. CONST. art. I, § 27
Penn.	PA. STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 6106, 6109	PA. CONST. art. I, § 21
Rhode Island	R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-47-8 to -15	R.I. CONST. art. I, § 22
South Carolina	S.C. CODE ANN. §§ 23-31-205 to -240	S.C. CONST. art. I, § 20
South Dakota	S.D. CODIFIED LAWS §§ 23-7-7 to - 8.10	S.D. CONST. art. VI, § 24
Tennessee	TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 39-17-1351 to - 1360	TENN. CONST. art. I, § 26
Texas	TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 411.171-.208	TEX. CONST. art. I, § 23
Utah	UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 53-5-701 to - 711	UTAH. CONST. art. I, § 6

STATE	REGULATORY CODE AND/OR STATUTE	CONSTITUTION
Vermont	Vt. STAT. ANN. tit. 13, § 4003	Vt. CONST. ch. I, art 16
Virginia	VA. CODE ANN. § 18.2-308	VA. CONST. art. I, § 13
Washington	WASH. REV. CODE § 9.41.070	WASH. CONST. art. I, § 24
West Virginia	W. VA. CODE § 61- 7-4 to -6a	W. VA. CONST. art. III, § 22
Wisconsin	Wis. STAT. §§ 941.23, 941.29	Wis. CONST. art. I, § 25
Wyoming	WYO. STAT. ANN. §§ 6-8-104	WYO. CONST. art. I, § 24

**ADDITIONAL STATE STATUTES CONCERNING
FIREARMS**

STATE	POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY INDIVIDUALS	RESTRICTIONS
Alabama	ALA. CODE § 13 A-11-72	ALA. CODE § 13A-11-63(a) (sawed-off shotguns and rifles)
Alaska	ALASKA STAT. § 11.61.200	
Arizona	ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-904	ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-3101(A)(7) (machine guns and short-barreled shotguns and rifles)
Arkansas	ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-73-103	
California	CAL. PENAL CODE § 12021	CAL. PENAL CODE §§ 12001.5 (short- barreled rifles and shotguns); 12220 (machine guns)

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STATE	POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS
Colorado	COLO. REV. STAT. § 18-12-108	COLO. REV. STAT. § 18-12-102 (machine guns and short shotguns and rifles)
Connecticut	CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53a-217	CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 53-202(b), (c) (assault weapons); 53a-211 (sawed-off shotguns and rifles)
Delaware	DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 11, § 1448	DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 11, § 1444 (sawed-off shotguns and machine guns)
District of Columbia	D.C. CODE § 22-4503	D.C. CODE § 7-2502.02 (machine guns and sawed-off shotguns and rifles)

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STATE	POSSESSION OF FIREARMS EXCEPTIONS	MACHINE GUNS AND SHORT-BARRELED SHOTGUNS
Florida	FLA. STAT. § 790.23	FLA. STAT. § 790.221 (machine guns and short- barreled shotguns and rifles)
Georgia	GA. CODE ANN. § 16-11-131	GA. CODE ANN. § 16-11-122 (machine guns and short-barreled shotguns and rifles)
Hawaii	HAW. REV. STAT. § 134-7	HAW. REV. STAT. § 134-8 ("assault pistols," machine guns, and short- barreled rifles and shotguns)
Idaho	IDAHO CODE ANN. § 18-310	
Illinois	720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/24-1.1	720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/24-1 (machine guns and short-barreled shotguns and rifles)

STATE	POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CITIZENS	POSSESSION OF SAWMED SHOTGUNS
Indiana	IND. CODE ANN. §§ 35-47-4-5, -6	IND. CODE ANN. §§ 35-47-5-4.1 (sawed-off shotguns); -8 (machine guns)
Iowa	IOWA CODE § 724.26	IOWA CODE §§ 724.1, .2 (machine guns and short- barreled shotguns and rifles)
Kansas	KAN. STAT. ANN. § 21-4204	KAN. STAT. ANN. § 21-4201 (machine guns and short- barreled shotguns)
Kentucky	KY. REV. STAT. § 527.040	
Louisiana	LA. REV. STAT. § 14:95.1	LA. REV. STAT. § 40:1752 (machine guns)
Maine	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 15, § 393	ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 17-A, § 1051 (machine guns)